THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Wednesday; continued cold; moderate west winds.

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LICENSE BIG ISSUE IN TODAY'S ELECTION

A crisp, winterish sort of a day greeted the voters of Lowell this morning upon the occasion of the annual city election. There was a sharp tinge, almost a bite, in the air and in places the walking was far from safe. However, the excellent conditions overhead, the interest aroused at the close of the campaign in the license issue, especially, and the preponderance of automobiles to carry lukewarm citizens to the polls combined to make the vote a normal one up to noon; at any rate, and when the final returns are in it may be found that the vote was much nearer the 16,000 limit, which represents the total number of registered male voters in the city, than was anticipated.

How is it coming out? Well, the various candidates were coming along strong in their own wards, of course, and in the others it was virtually a toss-up during the early part of the day.

The license vote was not especially inclined either way although it was admitted by most of the precinct officers that the "no" forces were coming out in much greater numbers than is usually the case. To combat this, those on the affirmative side of the fence marshaled their forces also and one can only "sit and wait" until the returns are made known this evening before a victory can be proclaimed on either side.

The polls opened at 6 o'clock this morning and the closing hour was scheduled for 4 o'clock this afternoon. Many of the voters employed in the mills and other places where it is necessary for them to be on the job early in the morning cast their votes on the way to work but only those who had to be out ventured to the booths during the early hours. It was too cold. As the morning wore on, however, and it became warmer the polling booths began to present a "do-something" appearance. From 12.30 to 1 o'clock the activity was at its height.

There were automobiles galore on the streets today. It seemed that every possible make of a machine was represented. Just how many were out it is impossible to state. Most of the candidates had a number of cars working for them to carry aged or infirm voters to the "little red buildings" and the "yes" and "no" people on the license issue both resorted to powerful gasoline concoctions.

In the school committee fight the women of the city—those who were registered—had an opportunity to vote and a visitor about the various precincts found the "dear girls" coming out in goodly numbers to exercise the sacred right of the franchise.

Today's ballot is about as simple as one could be. All told there are but 10 names on it, besides the license question. As the polls close at 4 o'clock it should be an easy matter for the precinct officials to have the entire vote counted by 6.30 or 7 at the latest. The Sun will publish an extra this evening, giving the complete results of the day's contests. It should be on the street by 7 o'clock.

The result of today's election will decide who is to be Lowell's mayor for the years 1918 and 1919. Dr. Rodrigue Mignault and Perry D. Thompson were the contesting gentlemen. Two commissioners for the municipal council whose terms of office will also extend over the years mentioned above are to be chosen. The four candidates were James E. Donnelly, James F. Miskella, Charles J. Morse and Newell F. Putnam. The four candidates for the school committee were Henry V. Charbonneau, Michael F. O'Brien, Jr., Dr. William R. Thompson and Richard Brabrook Walsh.

Heavy German Reinforcements Have Arrived in France

Kaiser Plans New Blow on Western Front—British Positions Bombarded—Lull on Italian Front—Official Entry Into Jerusalem—Fighting in Russia

Heavy German reinforcements have arrived in France, it is believed in allied capitals, but where the expected blow will fall is yet to be disclosed. For the moment the infantry is inactive along the western front, but the artillery and especially that of the Germans is very active in various sectors.

British Positions Bombarded

On the British front the Germans are bombarding heavily the positions southwest of Cambrai and east and northeast of Ypres, the two sectors which have seen virtually all of the heavy fighting in the past few months. From St. Quentin to the Swiss border Paris reports great enemy artillery activity between the Oise and the Aisne in the Champagne northeast of Verdun and in upper Alsace. The British and French cannon are replying in kind against the German positions.

Whether the heavy German artillery fire means that the enemy is attempting to find a weak point or is for the purpose of drawing allied attention to one spot while the troops from the Russian front are massed for a strong effort elsewhere can only be conjectured. Strong local German attacks on the right bank of the Meuse northeast of Verdun have been repulsed by the French who took prisoners.

Invaders' Efforts Fail in Italy

Infantry fighting has stopped momentarily at least on the Italian front from Asiago to the Piave river. The Austro-German effort to break through between the Piave and the Brenta failed with losses. The enemy then re-formed his shattered forces and attempted to break through between Asiago and the Piave. He failed again. The Austro-Germans captured some terrain at heavy cost without

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THIRTEEN NEGRO SOLDIERS HANGED IN TEXAS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 11.—Thirteen of the negroes of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, U.S.A., found guilty of complicity in the riot and mutiny at Houston on Aug. 23, were hanged on the military reservation at Fort Sam Houston at 7.17 o'clock this morning. Announcement of the carrying out of the sentence was made at headquarters of the southern department at 9 a. m.

Only army officers and Sheriff John Tobin of Bexar county were present when the sentence was carried out by soldiers from the post. No civilian spectators were allowed, the time and place of execution having been kept a secret.

Of the 63 men tried by the court martial, forty-one were sentenced to life imprisonment. One man was sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and to be confined at hard labor for two and a half years. Five were acquitted. The soldiers who paid the death penalty were:

Sergt. William C. Nesbitt, Corporals Larson J. Brown, James Wheatley, Jesse Moore and Charles W. Baltimore; Privates William Brackenridge, Thomas C. Hawkins, Carlos Snodgrass, Ira B. Davis, James Divine, Frank Johnson, Wesley Young and Pat MacWhorter.

LICENSE ISSUE FEATURE OF TODAY'S ELECTION

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—The gain made by the license forces in Massachusetts city elections last week, lent an added interest to the elections held in 16 more municipalities today. In twelve of the cities mayors were to be elected and in several instances there had been sharp campaigns.

Lynn entered upon a new form of government, having recently rejected the commission plan in favor of a mayor and eleven councillors. In Newton, all parties endorsed Mayor Edwin O. Childs for re-election.

The cities voting were Attleboro Beverly, Chelsea, Everett, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Newburyport, Newton, Revere, Somerville, Woburn and Worcester.

LOWELL MEN AT AYER ARE QUARANTINED

AYER, Dec. 11.—More than 300 soldiers at Camp Devens will be cut off from any opportunity of home leave for Christmas, because of quarantine regulations put into effect today, after the discovery of two cases of measles, one in the 24th company of the depot brigade and the other in Company C of the 302nd infantry. The quarantine will last 21 days. The men affected include some from Lowell, Worcester, New Bedford, Plymouth and Cape Cod towns.

Announcement was made today of the arrival of 50 men from the depot brigade at Fort Day, Governors Island, N. Y., where they had been transferred. Nothing was said as to the duty to which they will be assigned.

POINTS IN GERMANY'S PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times attributes to a responsible source the statement that during the informal conversations between the Russian and German representatives at Brest-Litovsk regarding the armistice on the eastern front the Germans indicated that the following points were likely to be included in any of their peace negotiations:

Germany to have control of the Russian wheat market for 15 years.

All German goods to be admitted to Russia duty free.

No territory now occupied by Germans to be surrendered.

The correspondent says the Bolsheviki were disappointed by the reserved attitude of the German negotiators and their lack of sympathy with political idealism. Other causes contributed to their depression, but it is stated they are determined to conclude an armistice at any cost if the latest appeal by the Russian commissioners to the allies fails.

EXPLOSION AT NEWPORT, R. I. FUSE FACTORY

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 11.—There was a flash in a pan of explosive used for fuse making at the fuse factory at the torpedo station this morning which gave a scare but caused no damage and there was no one hurt, according to reports from the captain's office.

A couple of hundred girls are employed in the factory. The station fire department was turned out but there was no work for it to do.

REPORT AMENDMENT FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The constitutional amendment for nation-wide woman suffrage was reported without recommendation today by the house judiciary committee.

ARREST MORE GERMANS AT HALIFAX TODAY

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—The snow storm which hampered the relief workers yesterday was of short duration, and last night was clear and cold. As the snow which fell was near enough to rain to be well saturated, a hard crust had formed today, further interfering with traffic problems and with the work of clearing away the ruins of wrecked buildings.

All activities, however, are now on a systematic basis and Halifax men joined today with men from other parts of Canada and from cities in the United States in making further progress toward bringing back more normal conditions. The refusal to admit curiosity seekers to the city already has resulted in a noticeable lessening of the congestion which was threatening a serious impediment to the care of the injured, the feeding and housing of the homeless and the reconstruction of the devastated district.

Hundreds of men were busy today about the less badly damaged buildings. The chief task here was to replace broken windows and doors and to repair roofs torn open by pieces of flying wreckage in the explosion last Thursday. The supplies of window glass sent here from other cities proved particularly useful, and a party of skilled glaziers from Boston assisted in replacing the thousands of shattered panes.

For all concerned last night was the most restful since the explosion. The sinking of the munitions steamer Pictou yesterday with the subsequent official assurance that there were no more explosive-laden vessels in the harbor, drove away fears of further possible disaster and permitted residents and relief workers to sleep in peace.

Another Snow Storm

The weather early today was the coldest of the winter with an unofficial thermometer reading of 2 degrees above zero. The ground was a solid frozeif mass and there was every promise of an ideal winter day.

But at 11 o'clock after the wind had shifted from the north, there was a light fall of snow, a half an hour later the sun appeared.

It was characteristic Halifax weather.

Two Toronto relief workers were compiling careful lists of all unidentified bodies and are seeing that those unclaimed are prepared for burial.

Mass funerals will be held in the local cemeteries for some weeks to come.

Arrests of German residents were continued throughout last night and today.

Troops patrolling the ruined area have been ordered to use every effort to prevent looting.

URGE MASS. RELIEF HEAD TO STAY AT HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—A. C. Ratshesky, a Boston banker in charge

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Senate Orders Inquiry Into Causes for Shortage of Sugar and Coal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Inquiry by a senate committee into the causes for the shortage of sugar and coal, with a view of recommending legislation to improve the situation, was ordered by the senate today on motion of Senator Lodge.

TO PUT FOOD PROFITEERS BEHIND THE BARS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Charges by Food Administrator Hoover that some dishonest wholesale and retail merchants and food brokers have been criminally responsible for food shortages and rising prices were taken under investigation today by the federal trade commission. Victor Murdock will be in charge of the inquiry.

Speculation in foods was declared today in a statement by Commissioner Murdock to have far-reaching results in causing unrest. Unprincipled brokers and dealers are said to order goods beyond their requirements on a rising market, believing they can make money if prices continue to go up and can at least prevent loss by rejecting the shipment.

"I am going to prosecute this investigation to the limit and bring any violators to the sternest payment of justice," said Commissioner Murdock. "Such pernicious business practices, which net the men who follow them a little extra blood money, must be stamped out at the start and kept stamped out. I am going to give my entire time to this job if it is necessary to get results and put some of these unpatriotic camp followers and war leeches behind bars where they rightly belong.

"In this investigation I would like every citizen to consider himself specifically delegated by me to furnish any information which might be helpful in running down the type of food profiteers we are after."

TO PROBE OPERATIONS OF WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A general inquiry into the operations of the war department in arming and equipping the American forces was decided upon today by the senate military affairs committee. Secretary Baker and other department heads will be called to explain various features of war activities.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the committee, announced it would probably cover a wide range. Questions of shortages of clothing for the National army, health, deficiencies in rifles and field ordnance and army contracts, he said, would be inquired into.

"The purpose of the committee is not to criticise but to secure information," said Senator Chamberlain. "There have been some complaints, covering many army matters and we desire to look into them particularly regarding shortage of clothing, ordnance and other equipment."

SPECIAL LAW TO EFFECT RAILROAD UNIFICATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Wilson's intention to ask congress for special laws to effect railroad unification for the duration of the war, gave a new aspect today to the transportation problem faced by congressional leaders, war administrators and railroad executives. The president probably will ask for the legislation in an address to congress before the holiday recess.

Although there was nothing to show that the president had confided his full intentions and officials were doubtful as to just what he might ask, most of his advisers favor government operation and declare that the president already has power by the army appropriations act to take over the roads under an administrator.

Railroad opposition to governmental operation, well understood by officials, was emphasized again yesterday in a letter to Senator Newlands from Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the railroad war board. The letter said the roads did not seek repeal of legislation, believing the co-operative use of facilities already put in operation would solve the problem.

Nor, the letter said, did they seek a loan from the government, but rather asked government aid in obtaining new capital for them on their own credit. Other measures suggested by Mr. Harrison to bring about maximum efficiency were increased rates, priority for transportation of railroad equipment and material, the appointment of a traffic manager for government shipments and exemption from draft of railroad employes.

CALL OFF STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Difficulties which threatened a strike of 2300 telegraphers employed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and a tie-up of traffic on one of the country's most important munitions and coal-carrying roads were settled today by the federal board of mediation and conciliation under the direction of Commissioner G. W. W. Hanger.

A basic 8-hour day and increased pay for overtime work were the most important concessions gained by the men. Questions of pay for all Sunday work and a general 20 per cent. increase in wages will be arbitrated.

Today's settlement is regarded by the Order of Railway Telegraphers as confirming the principle of an eight-hour day for operators, which had been established through demand made on western roads. It has been intimated that the separate demands on individual roads are the result of the union's determination to make the principle effective throughout the United States and the demands on other transportation lines are expected to develop soon.

GERMAN TRAINS BLOWN UP—HUNDREDS KILLED

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The correspondent at Amsterdam of the Daily Express reports that the Germans are rushing troops to the western front with the idea of smashing the entente allies before America is able to act, and adds:

"One of the results of this is that two German munitions trains collided on Thursday. Both were blown up and several hundred soldiers killed or wounded."

WITH THE FIREMEN

An alarm from box 622 at 3.50 o'clock this morning, summoned a portion of the fire department to a slight blaze in the block numbered 801 Lakeview avenue, owned by Mrs. Eliza Riopelle. The fire was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

At 4.30 o'clock this morning, Hose 3 was called to a store at 410 Market street, where there was a slight blaze in a pile of sawdust. There was no damage done outside of the burning of a small hole in the floor. The fire was evidently caused by a cigaret stub which was carelessly thrown on the floor and swept into a pile of sawdust.

At 7.32 o'clock this morning, Hose 11 was called to the hardening room of the United States Cartridge company in Andrews street, where there was a slight blaze. Oil leaking through pipes leading into an oven became ignited when the fire under the oven was started this morning. There was no damage.

PROHIBITION UP IN THE HOUSE MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—By unanimous consent today the house agreed to consider on Monday the constitutional amendment for nation-wide prohibition which already has been passed by the senate. The judiciary committee today favorably reported the amendment.

As passed by the senate the resolution provides that the necessary three-fourths of the state must act on the amendment within six years from the time of its passage in congress. The judiciary committee extended the time to seven years and would make the amendment effective one year from the time of its ratification.

Representative of California, prohibitionist, predicted today that the resolution would pass the house with forty or fifty votes to spare.

TO VOTE ON PROHIBITION THIS MONTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Report on the prohibition constitutional amendment in time for the house to vote on the question between Dec. 17 and 20, was indicated today when the house judiciary committee met to consider national prohibition and woman's suffrage. Leaders intimated that the suffrage amendment might be held up in committee until after the Christmas holidays although strong efforts to induce action immediately is expected from suffrage supporters.

Walter Davis Donkey Club, tonight.

LLOYD GEORGE IN DANGER

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Daily Express features in its biggest type what it describes as "Lloyd George's danger." It represents the premier's position as threatened by the growing strength of his enemies in the house of commons, adding:

"Parliament is weary and worn out, and the last rags of its representative character have dropped away. The war has driven a plowed dyke across all the old boundaries and cut broad deep, new furrows of public opinion and policy. The pacifists seem to be growing in numbers. Time is wearing away the loyalty of the liberal Lloyd Georgelles. It only requires an occasion and an old parliamentary hand to throw down the government."

The Express urges a speedy appeal to the country. It exhorts the premier to realize his danger in time, to come forward and lead the masses against the pacifists and ineffectives. It expresses confidence that he would be victorious, obtaining a decisive mandate and a long period of unquestioned power.

The Tory Post and the radical Daily News made vehement attacks on Lloyd George last week on the occasion of the anniversary of his premiership, declaring he had lost the confidence of the public.

BRICKLAYERS WANTED FOR U. S. ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Instructions to enlist in the army as many bricklayers as possible have been sent to recruiting offices throughout the country. These men will be sent to a concentration camp in the south for a short time and then to France to work on American airdromes. Attention was called to the advisability of getting these men into service before Friday when the law preventing men within the draft age from volunteering becomes effective.

JOHN M'CORMACK GIVES $100,000 TO RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A gift of $100,000 to the Red Cross from John McCormack, the tenor, was announced today. Paying his own expenses he will make a patriotic concert tour from the Atlantic to the Pacific, opening in Washington, Dec. 18, with a concert which the president and Mrs. Wilson have announced they will attend.

"I will keep on singing until I have earned $100,000 which the American Red Cross may use as it sees fit," said Mr. McCormack in making his offer. "The work will be a privilege to me and I will perform it with an enthusiasm such as I never have felt before."

RESIGNS FROM LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Lack of sympathy with the war policy of the League to Enforce Peace of which William H. Taft is president, has caused Robert H. Gardiner of Gardiner, Me., to resign as state chairman of the Maine branch of the organization, it was announced here today. In a letter accepting Mr. Gardiner's resignation, William H. Short, secretary of the league wrote:

"The league has so often both declared and demonstrated that it is not a pacifist organization that we are somewhat surprised that one of our state chairmen should only now have discovered the fact."

Mr. Gardiner in his letter charged that the league "seems to have now no policy except to join officially in the effort to crush Germany. It may be that it is necessary that Germany should be crushed but I cannot see in that any reason why the league should abandon its original object. The recent appeal of Lord Lansdowne, whether it succeeds or fails, is one example of what the league might have done in an effort to remain true to its original principles."

Secretary Short in his letter said the league does not share with Lord Lansdowne's views. "We feel bound, on the contrary," he wrote, "to use our entire influence against the German scheme for a premature peace, believing that a peace made with the unrepentant Germany would be permanently fatal to the world's liberties and tranquility."

Mrs. Julia A. Laughlin has the position of station master at Ames, Ia. She has absolute charge of the station and attends to selling tickets, taking charge of the mail and baggage, and to all matters that arise in the conduct of the station business.

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RED CROSS DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

A drive for new members will be inaugurated by the North Middlesex county chapter of the American Red Cross society next Monday morning and will continue until Dec. 26. It is hoped to increase the membership in Lowell from 20,000 to 50,000.

The local campaign will be simultaneous with a national drive. The local chapter, the Middlesex, has had its territory reduced from practically all of Middlesex county to Lowell and the following towns:

Ayer, Billerica, Burlington, Bedford, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Dunstable, Dracut, Groton, Littleton, Pepperell, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Westford and Wilmington.

The 30,000 new members will come from both the city itself and these towns. The first meeting in connection with the campaign will be held next Friday night in Memorial hall at 6.30 when the workers will organize. A dinner will be served. It is not expected that noonday luncheons will be held but it is anticipated that the workers will get together daily for a business session.

The campaign is not designed to raise money but merely to enlarge the membership rolls. A fee of $1 is charged to become a member of the Red Cross. Upon payment of a dollar one automatically becomes a member of the society and receives a 1918 membership button.

For the purposes of bookkeeping, those who are already members of the society are asked to renew their memberships during the coming campaign.

Following is the framework of the campaign organization as announced by Robert F. Marden, campaign manager:

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Robert F. Marden, campaign manager.
John H. Murphy, campaign secretary.
George R. Chandler, general treasurer for deposits.
Harold D. Macdonald and Miss Julia Pevey, assistant treasurers.
Mrs. Boyden H. Pillsbury, membership listing secretary.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James C. Reilly, assistant campaign manager.
Albert D. Milliken, industries.
Paul B. Chandler, miscellaneous items and loose ends.
Miss Ruth Burke, women's campaign.
Mrs. George A. Leahy, assistant membership listing secretary.
Dudley L. Page.
Arthur T. Safford.
James F. Owens.
John A. Hunnewell.
Philip S. Marden.

TEAM 1

Capt. George H. Spillane, insurance men and companies.
E. W. Thomas, Boott mills.
Albert L. Paul, Whitall Mfg. Co. and Pentucket Narrow Fabric Co.
Frederick Johnston, Shaw Stocking Co., Lowell Hosiery.
Arthur Dion, Harvard Brewing Co.
D. W. McKenzie, wholesale produce and wholesale grocers.
Frank D. Proctor, American Woolen Co., Bay State mill.
Francis A. Connor, public buildings department, school janitors.
Fred C. Weld, chemists, opticians, Avery Chemical Co., Talbot Dyewood & Chemical Co.
John W. Crawford, water works department.
Abel R. Campbell, constables, deputy sheriffs, real estate men.

TEAM 2

Capt. George C. Fairburn, retail provisions and markets.
Jude C. Wadleigh, Merrimack Manufacturing Co.
E. M. Fuller, Waterhead and Waterside mills.
Fred Timmons, Meyer Thread Co.
Allan D. Parker, wood workers and lumber dealers.
David Gerow, retail grocers.
J. Lawler Ford, bookbinders, printers, stationers.
Mrs. Rose Jordan Hartford, milliners.
Miss Marguerite Turgeon, dressmakers.
Miss Margaret Courtney, nurses.

TEAM 3

Capt. John M. O'Donoghue, lawyers.
William A. Mitchell, Massachusetts, cotton mills.
James F. Flemings, paper dealers.
Ray Webster, druggists.
William Scally, bakers.
Millard F. Wood, jewelers.
Fred A. Bates, health department.
John L. Collins, Lowell Electric Light corporation.
Maj. Walter R. Jeyes, clubs and fraternal organizations.
Walter J. Nelson, theatres and theatrical profession.

TEAM 4

Capt. Edward B. Carney, banks, bankers and brokers.
Stephen T. Whittier, Hamilton Manufacturing Co.
Arthur A. Wright, Barry Shoe Co Federal Shoe Co.
Percy Gulline, Columbia Textile Co.
Albert E. O'Heir, furniture dealers.
Joseph Mullin, coal, wood, grain and ice dealers.
Frank T. Mussey, laundries.
C. F. Grover, New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.
Frederick J. Nevery, ladies' outfitters.
John K. Whittier, machine shops, foundries, boiler works.

TEAM 5.

Capt. George H. Runels, hardware dealers, manufacturers' supplies.
Elmer F. Bowen, Appleton Co.
F. W. Brown, Boston & Maine railroad in Lowell.
John F. White, clothing, men's furnishings, sporting goods.
Joseph L. Sargent, proprietary medicines, American Mason Safety Tread Co.
Ernest L. Kimball, metal workers, sign painters.
Rev. William F. English, Jr., Protestant clergymen.
Rev. Francis J. Mullin, Catholic clergymen.
John B. Blessington, street department.
John J. Sullivan, tailors.

TEAM 6.

Capt. Everett F. Gray, Lowell Gas Light Co., Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co.
Everett H. Walker, Lawrence Manufacturing Co.
G. Russell Dana Jr., garages, carriage manufacturers, bicycles.
William Buzzell, department stores, five and 10-cent stores.
Walter Clarkson, shoe dealers.
Owen A. Monahan, city hall employes.
Benjamin Green and Abram S. Goldman, Hebrew colony.
Henry Reynolds, blacksmiths, horseshoers.
J. O. Heinze, the Lamson Co.

TEAM 7.

Capt. Charles Nichols, tea dealers, architects, accountants, auctioneers, dairy products stores.
M. A. Rawlinson, Tremont & Suffolk mills.
George A. Lyon, Lyon Carpet Co., Massachusetts Mohair Plush Co.
Henry H. Harris, school teachers and schools.
William H. Boss, Lowell Fertilizer Co.
John T. Conway, teamsters and truckmen.
James W. Jantzen, fire department.
Redmond Welch, police department.
Arthur G. Fox, restaurants, caterers, shoe repair shops.
Wm. A. Lamson, U. S. Mailing Case Co., Ideal Comb Co., Knowles Scale Works.

TEAM 8

Capt. R. A. Wentworth, Saco-Lowell Shops, (L.M.S.)
Felix Langevin, Saco-Lowell Shops, (Kitson.)
Fred Crowley, Bay State Street Railway.
William T. White, American Hide & Leather Co.
Capt. W. P. White, Lowell Paper Tube corporation, Middlesex Co., Ipswich Hosiery, Lowell Felt Co.
Charles L. Marren, liquor dealers and workers.
Dr. Hugh Walker, dentists.
John Dwyer, painters, decorators.
Alvah H. Weaver, roofers, masons, plasterers.
F. C. Willard, International Steel and Ordnance.

TEAM 9

Capt. Thomas J. O'Donnell, undertakers, stables.
E. G. Sophos and Vasilios Glavis, Greek community.
C. A. Portman, Newton Mfg. Co.
George McIntire, Pilling Shoe Co., Spaulding Shoe Co., Foster Shoe Co., Snow Shoe Co.
John H. Johnson, carpenters, builders.
Dr. A. R. Gardner, physicians.
Howard L. Whiteley, Lowell Bleachery.
Cyrus W. Russell, Bagshaw Co., florists, gardeners.
Lester A. Femings, Bay State Cotton Corp.
George Stevens, United States Bunting Co.

TEAM 10

Capt. Fred F. Hayward, music dealers, musicians, music teachers.
C. Fred Cunningham, United States Cartridge Co.
Joseph A. Legare, Heinze Electric Co.
Royal P. White, Stirling-Belvidere Woolen mills.
George A. Stewart, plumbers, steamfitters.
Melvin Master, milk dealers.
Thomas Burke, Barber Mfg. Co., C. H. McEvoy Co., N. E. Bunting Co.
Robert Robertson, T. Martin & Bros., J. A. Dalrymple, Deavitt Mfg. Co., Northern Waste Co.
Reuben Dunsford, Lowell Insulated Wire Co., Boutwell Bros., Inc., Cheney box shop.

TEAM 11

Capt. Edward Fisher, suburban towns.

Ayer	Groton
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Burlington	Pepperell
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Chelmsford	Westford
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TEAM 12

Alex. E. Williams, captain and director.
Boy Scouts to canvass homes of Highlands and Centralville Heights.

TEAM 13

Mrs. Herbert D. Pickering, captain and director.
Women to canvass homes of Belvidere.

TEAM 14

Mrs. Joseph Cayouette, captain and director.
Women to canvass homes of Pawtucketville.

TEAM 15

Miss Mary Devine, captain and director.
Women to canvass homes of outer Gorham street, Chelmsford street and Wigginville.

TEAM 16

Mrs. Delorme, captain and director.
Women to canvass homes of West Centralville and Pawtucket street district.

Donkey Club—Miner-Doyle, tonight.

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BAY STATE TO ABANDON NON-PAYING LINES

Special to The Sun.

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 11.—All non-paying lines of the Bay State Street Railway company are to be abandoned and the tracks torn up, according to the plans of the directors of that road announced to the public service commission yesterday by General Manager Goff.

The Bay State has had experts at work going over the entire system, Mr. Goff said, and there is strong indications that at least 103 miles of track will be abandoned. This gigantic tearing up of street car tracks is considered the largest abandonment in the history of street railroading in Massachusetts.

Mr. Goff declined to say just what lines will be abandoned or what cities and towns will be affected, and would only state that the lines which it is definitely decided, at this time, to discontinue, are the Wilmington-Billerica line, the Lakeville-Elliot's corner and the Assinippee line.

Chairman Frederick J. Macleod of the public service commission asked Mr. Goff, when the Bay State's manager made the announcement, whether the commission was to understand that every road, or every section of a road which does not pay a return on the capital invested, is to be abandoned. Mr. Goff explained that such was the "intention of the road's director's with some slight variations."

The manager said that there are a number of the company's lines which have very light patronage, and while they serve the interests of some few, there are not enough patrons on those lines to warrant their continuation.

HOYT.

Miner-Doyle, Associate hall tonight.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The regular monthly meeting and election of officers of Branch No. 25, N.A.L.C., was held at its quarters in the Odd Fellows building Saturday night. There was a lively contest on for the different positions. The officers for the ensuing year will be as follows: President, George L. Hunt; vice president, John O'Rourke; secretary, David Dwyer; treasurer, John P. Shehan; collector of the sick benefit, Charles A. Carey; financial secretary, James J. Custer; member of the board of trustees for three years, Wallace Hafey and sergeant-at-arms, Thure Gillinson.

Much business was transacted and committees reported pertaining to the welfare of the association. It was decided to have a joint installation of the officers with the postoffice clerks, the fourth Saturday in January. John J. Foley of Boston will install the officers and will give a report of the work that the national officers of the association have accomplished.

Many letters were received from the members of congress, stating their attitude on the increased salary bill that will come before congress at an early date.

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Men's Soft Finish Handkerchiefs 10c

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Men's Extra Fine Linen Initial Handkerchiefs ..... 50c Each

Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, with colored borders, all colors 50c

Women's All Linen Colored and White Embroidered Handkerchiefs, Irish and Swiss embroidery 25c

Women's All Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered corner, 15c

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Women's Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box, nicely embroidered, 25c Box

Women's Handkerchiefs embroidered in white and colors, 3 in a box ..... 50c Box

Women's Fine Linen Handkerchiefs, extra fine embroidered initial ..... 25c Each

Children's All Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box, 29c Box

Children's Initial Handkerchiefs, colored border and initial, 3 in a box ..... 25c Box

Men's All Linen Handkerchiefs, ¼ inch hem 15c

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, 10c Each, 6 in a Box 50c

Men's Fine Handkerchiefs, with colored initial, 15c, 6 for 85c

Men's Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c and 50c

Men's Khaki Handkerchiefs, plain and mercerized, 15c and 25c

OPEN ALL DAY THURSDAY DURING DECEMBER

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS WILL MEET AT CITY HALL FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The physicians and surgeons in Lowell and northern Middlesex county are to meet at the aldermanic chamber at city hall Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint those doctors who are to stay at home with their duties in case wounded men from Europe should be transported home and need care.

The principal speaker will be Major Fred B. Lund, a prominent Boston surgeon. Dr. William P. Lawler, of this city, president of the Middlesex North District Medical society will preside. All doctors, no matter what organization they are members of, are cordially invited to attend.

Major Lund will speak on the progress of medicine and surgery thus far in the war. He will also define the work to be done in the event of wounded soldiers being brought back to this country. It is said that the major has information which will be beneficial to every physician and surgeon.

LABOR UNIONS

Regular meetings of the following organizations were held last evening: Bottlers, Teamsters and Loomfixers.

JURY WAS EXCUSED

Owing to the continued illness of Justice King, who was presiding over the civil session of the superior court in this city, the jury in the case of Stanton vs. Brickett, an action of contract, which was started last week, was excused for further consideration yesterday and Clerk Hurd announced that all other cases on the list would be transferred to East Cambridge.

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Walter Davis Donkey Club, tonight.

A Question of Taste and Economy

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Spartanburg, S.C.—"For nine years I suffered from backache, weakness, and irregularities so I could hardly do my work. I tried many remedies but found no permanent relief. After taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I felt a great change for the better and am now well and strong so I have no trouble in doing my work. I hope every user of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will get as great relief as I did from its use."—Mrs. S. D. McAbee, 122 Dewey Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.

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NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

The major portion of this morning's session of the police court was devoted to the hearing of cases which grew out of a raid at a coffee house at 388 Suffolk street on the night of November 23. Nicholas Somposos, the proprietor of the place was charged with maintaining a gaming nuisance, but he was found not guilty without offering any defence. George Skalkeos, Nicholas Trafalos, George Georgakos, Stephen Kanios, George Spanos, Louis Papas and Costas Georges were charged with being present at a game.

The court, after considering the evidence in the case, found the defendants guilty and ordered each to pay a fine of $3. They appealed.

Manslaughter Charge

The case of Frank Henry, of Concord, N. H., charged with manslaughter in causing the death of Joshua F. Davis at North Chelmsford, on the night of October 17th, was called for trial, but by agreement the case was continued until December 26, he being held under $2000 bonds for appearance at that time. It is alleged by the government that while Henry was operating an automobile through North Chelmsford he struck and fatally injured Mr. Davis, an aged man, who had just seen his son off on an electric car.

The case of Bartholomew Cullen, also charged wiht manslaughter, was continued until December 28. It is alleged that Cullen was the driver of an automobile which crashed into a fence at Tyngsboro bridge several weeks ago and resulted in the death of one of the occupants. Inasmuch as the finding of the inquest had not been presented to the court it was decided to grant a postponement.

Other Offenders

Alexander Grigonis, an employe of the Hamilton mills, was charged with the larceny of cloth from the mills. He entered a plea of guilty and a fine of $10 was imposed.

Matthew J. Ryan, who appeared before the court several day ago on a complaint charging him with non-support, was given a suspended sentence of four months in the house of correction after stating that if allowed to go he would join the marines.

FUNERAL - NOTICES

GLOVER—Died Dec. 10, in this city, Mrs. Hattie S. Glover, aged 54 years, 6 months and 15 days, at her home, 48 Lawrence street. Funeral services will be held at 48 Lawrence street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

HALL—The funeral of Mrs. Euphiasia Hall will take place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from her late home, 1526 Bridge street. Friends invited without further notice. Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck in charge.

LYNCH—The funeral of John F. Lynch will take place Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock from the home of his son, George F. Lynch, Andover street, North Tewksbury. Funeral mass will be celebrated at the Immaculate Conception church at 9 o'clock. Friends will please omit flowers. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker Higgins Bros. in charge.

O'LOUGHLIN—The funeral of Mr. Thomas O'Loughlin will take place Thursday morning from his home, 22 Abbott street, at 8 o'clock. The funeral high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock. Burial will take place at St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers O'Connell & Mack in charge.

SUTHERLAND—Died Dec. 10, in this city, Mrs. Isabelle Sutherland, aged 69 years, 8 months and 22 days, at her home, 204 Cross street. Funeral services will be held at 204 Cross street Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

FUNERALS

RIVET—The funeral of David Rivet took place this morning from the home, 19 Ward street. High mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Jean Baptiste church at 8 o'clock by Rev. Rosario Jalbert, O.M.I. The bearers were Louis Grouin, Arthur Gauthier, Joseph Arpin and George Dallaire. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in St. Joseph's cemetery. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

LEBLANC—The funeral of Florence Leblanc took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raoul Leblanc, 188 Moody street. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

TOBIN—The funeral of John Tobin took place Saturday afternoon from the rooms of Undertaker Peter H. Savage. Services were held at St. Peter's church. Rev. Daniel J. Heffernan being the officiating clergyman. The bearers were Messrs. John and Thomas Cull and James and Michael Heatherman. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Heffernan recited the committal prayers at the grave.

HARRIS—The funeral services of S. Newell Harris were held Sunday at his home, 42 Florence avenue and were conducted by Rev. Asa R. Dilts, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church. Appropriate selections were sung by the Mendelssohn male quartet. The bearers were Messrs. William F. Hills, Richard Gumb, Frank P. Fletcher, Louis Browning, George A. Smith and J. Oscar Phinney. Burial was in the family lot in the Edson cemetery and the funeral was under the direction of Mr. William P. Hills, in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

O'CONNELL—The funeral of Mrs. Ellen T. O'Connell took place from her late home, 7 Everett street, at nine o'clock this morning and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased. The funeral cortege proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church where a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at ten o'clock by Rev. Lawrence Tighe, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. J. C. Duffy, O.M.I., as deacon; Rev. J. P. Flynn, O.M.I., as sub-deacon and Rev. Owen P. McQuaid, O.M.I., as master of ceremonies.

Seated within the sanctuary were Rev. Clement Flynn, O.M.I., Rev. William B. Haley, O.M.I., and Rev. Joseph L. Moriarty, O.M.I., of Tewksbury; Rev. Joseph Boldue, O.M.I., of St. Jean Baptiste church; Rev. William B. Maban, O.M.I., of the Sacred Heart church; Rev. Dennis Sullivan, O.M.I., Rev. John M. O'Brian, O.M.I., and Rev. James McCartin, O.M.I., of the Immaculate Conception church, also the novices of the Tewksbury novitiate.

The bearers were Messrs. Patrick McCarthy, Samuel Pollard, John Foye, Andrew Shannon and Joseph Sweeney.

The interment was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery where services were conducted by Rev. Fr. Tighe, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Frs J. C. Duffy, O.M.I., John P. Flynn, O.M.I., O. P. McQuaid, O.M.I., and James McCartin, O.M.I. Burial was under the direction of Undertakers O'Connell & Mack.

ROARKE—The funeral of Thomas E. Roarke took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from his late home, 189 Broadway and was largely attended. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Patrick's church, where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Timothy P. Callahan. The bearers were James Baxter, William Ambrose, James and Joseph Sullivan. Burial took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the final prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Callahan. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

WOODWARD—The funeral of Henry M. Woodward who died Sunday at Grasmere, N. H., aged 88 years, 4 mos., 24 days, was held this morning at 10 o'clock at the graveside in the Edson cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Lewis W. Swanson, pastor of the Presbyterian church at New Boston, N. H. Mr. Woodward formerly lived in Lowell and was a sergeant of the Sixth Mass., Regt., Co. A. The local arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

DOHERTY — The funeral of Mr. Thomas J. Doherty took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from the home of his mother, Mrs. Ann Doherty, 10 Madison street, and was largely attended by relatives and friends. The cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Lenihan. There were many beautiful floral offerings. The bearers were Messrs. Edward Welch, John Welch, John Kelly, and Andrew McLoughlin. Interment was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. Fr. Lenihan read the committal prayers at the grave. Funeral Director James W. McKenna in charge.

DEATHS

O'LOUGHLIN—Thos. O'Loughlin, a well known resident of St. Peter's parish, died this morning at his home, 22 Abbott street, after a brief illness, aged 30 years. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Rosalie F., one son, Russell, two brothers, Edward and William O'Loughlin, and his father, Patrick O'Loughlin.

DAVIS—Died last evening, in this city, very suddenly, Mrs. Emma H. Davis, aged 65 years, 10 months and 11 days, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fitzroy F. Pillsbury, 201 Princeton street. The body was taken to her home in Saco, Me., where the funeral services will be held and burial will take place. The arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

COTTON—Neal Cotton, for many years a well known resident of this city, died Sunday at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. E. F. Miller, at Arlington, Mass. Born in Tuftonboro, N. H., May 21, 1820, he attained the ripe old age of 97 years and six months, and was in good health up to his last sickness. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Arthur W. Sherman of Lowell and Miss A. E. Cotton of Arlington, and one sister, Mrs. N. D. Varney of California; also three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

DUSTIN—Mrs. P. A. Dustin, widow of the late Mark G. Dustin, and a former resident of this city, died in Gerrish, N. H., Dec. 5. Mrs. Dustin leaves three granddaughters, Myrtle A. Whitcomb of this city, Miss Edith Whitcomb of Colorado Springs, Col., and Mrs. R. H. Davenport of Pittsfield, Mass. Burial took place Sunday afternoon at Henniker, N. H. Mrs. Dustin was a direct descendant of Hannah Dustin of historical fame. She was 88 years old.

GLOVER—Mrs. Hattie S. Glover, aged 54 years, 6 months and 15 days, died yesterday at 48 Lawrence street. She leaves one daughter, Miss Hattie V. Glover; three sisters, Mrs. Serena Gorrill, Mrs. Priscilla MacKenzie and Mrs. William Rogers and two brothers, John and Arthur Gay.

SUTHERLAND—Mrs. Isabella Sutherland, aged 69 years, 8 months and 22 days, died yesterday at her home, 204 Cross street. She leaves three sons, John H. F. Sutherland, C. Ernest and D. Walter Sutherland, and one daughter, Miss K. Isabella Sutherland, and seven sisters and one brother.

MANNEY—Thomas Manney died this morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. William F. Welch, 28 Windsor street. He was 49 years of age. He leaves three sisters, Mrs. A. J. Paterson of Waterbury, Vt., Mrs. D. O'Gorman and Mrs. William F. Welch of this city.

HALL—Died in Dracut, Dec. 11, Mrs. Euphiasia D. Hall, aged 82 years, 8 months and 4 days. She was the widow of Dyer Hall. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Chester M. Peabody of Dracut.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

There will be an anniversary mass at 8 o'clock, at the Immaculate Conception church on Wednesday morning, Dec. 12, for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Philip Dwyer.

MASS NOTICE

There will be an anniversary high mass on Thursday morning, Nov. 13, at 8 o'clock, in the Immaculate Conception church, for the repose of the soul of Bridget Corey.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to my relatives and friends for their acts of kindness and words of sympathy which helped to lighten my burden of sorrow caused by the death of my beloved husband. I also wish to thank those who send floral and spiritual offerings, including the Mass. cloth room, for which I will ever hold them, one and all, in grateful remembrance.

Mrs. John McIntyre.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the kindness shown during the death of our beloved father, also for the beautiful floral offerings and spiritual bouquets sent as expressions of sympathy. We wish to thank especially the employes of the Boott mills office and W. J. Barry Shoe Co.'s office force.

Mrs. T. F. Clarke and Family.

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Stephen C. Garrity, formerly employed in the victrola department of the J. L. Chalifoux Co., has enlisted in the quartermaster's department of the Regular army and left Lowell yesterday for Ft. Slocum, N. Y. Later he will be transferred to Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Garrity wishes the many friends whom he has made in connection with his business interests to still feel at home to visit the victrola department at any time where Mr. A. L. Heiser will look after their wants.

Private John Taylor of the National army was presented a shaving kit and a $10 gold piece at a reception tendered him Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston in West Sixth street. In the course of the evening a varied entertainment program was given and refreshments were served.

If plans carry, between 400 and 500 children of this city will be entertained at dinner by the Salvation Army at Christmas. Members of the army are at their usual stations in the down town streets with their boxes and the public is requested to donate liberally. The dinner will be served in a large hall and will be followed by an entertainment. Adjt. E. W. Cark is in charge of arrangements.

Miss Gladys Crockett, who has been in Lowell for the past month as the government worker in the campaign of education in war time economics, has been transferred to another city and her place in Lowell will be filled by Miss Bernice J. Everett, a graduate of Rogers Hall and Wesley, who has received her domestic science training at Simmons college. Miss Crosskill was in Lowell about one month and during that time she gave demonstrations and spoke before about 700 people. Miss Everett will keep up the good work started by her predecessor.

George Daigle, aged 52 years, living in Concord, N. H., was struck by a freight train in the southern yard of the Boston & Maine railroad last night and suffered injuries to his head and both hands. The ambulance was summoned and he was taken to St. John's hospital where it was necessary to amputate three of the fingers of the left hand and one on the right hand. The scalp wound which Daigle sustained is not considered very serious.

The first donation in Lowell towards the fund for the relief of the Halifax sufferers was received this morning by Mayor O'Donnell from Rev. N. W. Matthews, pastor of the Gorham Street M.E. church, who sent his check for $10. The fund is being raised at the request of Gov. McCall and will be known as the Massachusetts fund.

Considerable excitement was caused in Central street, opposite the New American hotel shortly after nine o'clock this morning when one of the trolley wires of the Bay State Street Railway Co. parted, one end dropping into the street. Fortunately there was no one in the way at the time. The police and the street railway officials were notified and in a very short time a police officer was on the scene and kept the crowd back and in a few minutes the wrecking crew of the railway company was on hand, but it was about 20 minutes before temporary repairs were made and traffic through that portion of the street was restored.

Follow the crowd, Assor. tonight.

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In Zibeline, Corduroy, Wool Plush, Velour, Velvet, Heavy, Warm Meltons and Pom Poms.

5.98 Coats, reduced to..... **3.77**
7.98 Coats, reduced to..... **5.77**
10.98 Coats, reduced to..... **7.77**
15.00 Coats, reduced to..... **9.77**
18.50 Coats, reduced to..... **12.77**

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In Wool Serges and Washable Shepherd Cloth.

4.00 Dresses, reduced to..... **2.77**
5.00 Dresses, reduced to..... **3.77**
7.50 Dresses, reduced to..... **4.77**
10.00 Dresses, reduced to..... **5.77**

White Voile and Silk Party Dresses, reduced 1-3.

1.25 Wash Dresses **77c** 2.00 Wash Dresses **1.67**

COATS

These Coats have been reduced for quick clearance Wednesday; formerly priced to 29.50; only one and two of a kind but all sizes in the assortment. Materials in warm Meltons, Velours, Pom Poms and Broadcloths. Fur collars of Kit Coney, Raccoon and Plush. Others in plain models. Colorings in Navy, Black, Taupe, Reindeer, Beet-root and Green. Sizes for the miss of 16, in just the models desired, and conservative styles to size 46 in the assortment. On sale Tomorrow at

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Pretty styles with dainty lace insertions; some with pockets trimmed to contrast.

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35.00 Hudson Seal Muffs.....**18.50**
50.00 Taupe Wolf Sets.....**37.50**
40.00 Natural Opossum Sets....**25.00**
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Sugar Cured Hams, (8-12 lbs.) lb. 32c
Selected Eggs, doz. ...39c
Pearl Tapioca, lb.....15c
Fresh Shoulders, lb....24c
Beef Liver, lb.....13c
Baldwin Apples, pk....30c
Fancy Grapefruit, 6 for 25c
Smoked Shoulder, lb. 24c
Heavy Salt Pork, lb. 27c
Corned Shoulders, lb. 23c

HOUR SALES

8 to 9 a. m.
Bee Soap .....3 bars 14c
9 to 10 a. m.
Libby's Red Salmon 23c
10 to 11 a. m.
Pure Red Currant Jelly, 11c jg

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Hairs Will Vanish After This Treatment

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You can keep your skin free from hair or fuzz by the occasional use of plain delatone and in using it you need have no fear of marring or injuring the skin. A thick paste is made by mixing some of the powdered delatone with water. Then spread on the hairs and after two or three minutes rub off, wash the skin and all traces of hair have vanished. Be careful, however, to get real delatone.

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WHITLOCK TELLS STORY OF GERMAN BRUTALITY

BRAND WHITLOCK

Special to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, is on official record charging the Germans with the crimes of massacring civilians, using non-combatant natives as shields for their advancing troops, and deporting thousands upon thousands of Belgians into virtual slavery in Germany.

His reports to that effect, made while he was still at Brussels, are on file in the archives of the state department. They add the last testimony—if proof were needed—that all of the atrocities charged up to the Huns are based upon hideous facts and not merely upon the inflamed imagination of hostile populations.

Whitlock in his capacity as a diplomat of a power, still at that time at peace with Germany, reported facts to his superior officers. They did not want propaganda stories either for or against anyone. Washington wanted to know what was going on in Belgium.

Whitlock reported the news with as much accuracy as it was possible for him to get it. And he got it first-hand because the American legation was the clearing house through which the victims of the Huns passed.

For a long time Whitlock's reports have been locked up. Now they are released, forming part of a 94-page book on "German War Practices," issued by George Creel's committee on publication, and edited by Prof. D. C. Munro of Princeton university.

Whitlock's first dispatches regarding the cruelties of the Germans were sent in 1914 when the kaiser's legions were spreading death and terror before them:

"Summary executions took place at Dinant," he wrote, "without the least semblance of judgment. The names and number of the victims are not known, but they must be numerous. Among the persons who were shot are M. DEFOIN, mayor of Dinant; SASSERATH, first alderman; NIMBLER, aged 70; consul for the Argentine Republic. VICTOR FONCELET, who was executed in the presence of his wife and seven children; GUSTAVE AND LEON NACAISE, two very old men.

JULES MONIN and others were shot in the cellar of their brewery; CAMILLE PISTTE and his son, aged 17; PHILLIPART PIEDFORT, his WIFE and DAUGHTER; MISS MARSIGNY.

"During the execution of about forty inhabitants of Dinant, the Germans placed before the condemned their wives and children. It is thus that Madame Alin, who had just given birth to a child three days previously, was brought on a mattress by German soldiers to witness the execution of her husband; her cries and supplications were so pressing that her husband's life was spared.

"On the 26th day of August German soldiers entered various streets of Louvain and ordered the inhabitants of the houses to proceed to the Place de la Station, where the bodies of nearly a dozen assassinated persons were lying.

"Women and children had to witness the execution of many of their fellow citizens who were for the most part at the side of the square. The women and children, after having remained on the square for more than 15 hours, were allowed to depart.

"Three Gardes Civiques of Louvain were taken prisoners and sent to Germany to the camp of Muenster, where they were held for several weeks.

"One of the most sorely tried communities was that of the little village of Tamines down in what is known as the Borinage, the coal fields of Charleroi.

"Tamines is a mining village, a collection of small cottages sheltering about 5000 inhabitants, mostly all poor laborers. The little graveyard, in which the church stands, bears its mute testimony to the horror of the event. There are hundreds of new-made graves, each with its small wooden cross and its bit of flowers; the crosses are so closely huddled that there is scarcely room to walk between them. They are alike and all bear the same date, THE SINISTER DATE OF AUGUST 22, 1914.

"But whether their hands were cut off or not, whether they were impaled on bayonets or not, children were shot down by military order in cold blood. In the awful crime of the Rock of Bayard, there overlooking the Meuse below Dinant, infants in their mother's arms were shot down without mercy.

"The deed, never surpassed in cruelty by any band of savages, is described by the Bishop of Namur himself:

"One scene surpasses in horror all others: it is the fusillade of the Rock Bayard near Dinant. It appears to have been ordered by Col. Meister. This fusillade caused the death of nearly 90 persons, without distinction of age or sex. Among the victims were babies in arms, boys and girls, fathers and mothers of families, even old men.

"It was there that 12 children under the age of six perished from the fire of the executioners, six of them as they lay in their mother's arms:

"The child Fievet, 3 weeks old.
"Maurice Betemps, 11 months old.
"Nelly Pollet, 11 months old.
"Gilda Jenon, 18 months old.
"Gilda Marchot, 2 years old.
"Clara Struvay, two years and six months.

"The pile of bodies comprised also many children from 6 to 14 years. Eight large families have entirely disappeared. Four have but one survivor. Those men that escaped death—and many of whom were riddled with bullets—were obliged to bury in a summary and hasty fashion their fathers, mothers, brothers or sisters; then, after having been relieved of their money and being placed in chains, they were sent to Cassel Prussia."

Whitlock also touches upon the horrors at Louvain, saying:

"On Thursday, Aug. 27, order was given to the inhabitants to leave Louvain because the city was to be bombarded. Old men, women, children, the sick, priests, nuns were driven on the roads like cattle. More than 10,000 were driven as far as Tirlemont, 18 kilometers from Louvain."

Our Belgian minister confirms the charge that the Germans shielded themselves behind the bodies of the natives—a practice they have now resumed in their march into Italy:

"The Germans attacked Hougaerde on Aug. 18; the Belgian troops were holding the Gette bridge in the village. The Germans forced the parish priest of Aulgaerden to walk in front of them as a shield. As they neared the barricade the Belgian soldiers fired and the priest was killed. After the retreat of the Belgians the Germans shot four men, burned 50 houses and looted 100."

For a time the protests of neutral nations and the outcries of a shocked world seemed to cow the Germans. The wholesale massacres, lootings and burnings ceased. But in the winter of 1916 they perfected a new form of devilry. Their own supply of labor depleted, the Huns conceived the idea of deporting Belgians and Frenchmen to Germany to make them work for the kaiser, in many instances actually compelling them to labor in munition factories.

On January 16, 1917, while still in Brussels—even though it was occupied by the Germans—Whitlock made a report to the state department saying among other things:

"I have in mind, and I might say, on my conscience, since the Germans began to deport Belgian workmen in November to prepare for the department a detailed report on this latest instance of brutality, but there have been so many obstacles in the way of obtaining evidence on which a calm and judicious opinion could be based, and one is so overwhelmed with the horror of the thing itself, that it has been and even now is difficult to write calmly and justly about it.

"In order to understand fully the situation it is necessary to go back to the autumn of 1914. At the time we were organizing the relief work, the Comite National (Belgian relief organization) proposed an arrangement by which the Belgian government should pay its own employes left in Belgium, and other unemployed men besides, the wages they had been accustomed to receive. The Belgians wished to do this both for humanitarian and patriotic purposes; they wished to provide the unemployed with the means of livelihood and, at the same time, to prevent their working for the Germans. I refused to be connected in any way with this plan and told the Belgian committee that it had many possibilities of danger; that not only would it place a premium on idleness, but that it would ultimately exasperate the Germans. However, the policy was adopted and has been continued in practice, and on the rolls of the Comite National have been borne the names of hundreds of thousands—some 700,000, I believe—of idle men receiving this dole, distributed through communes.

"The presence of these unemployed, however, was a constant temptation to German cupidity. Many times they sought to obtain the lists of the chomeurs (men on the payrolls) but were always foiled by the claim that under the guarantees covering relief work, the records of the Comite National and its various sub-organizations were immune.

"Rather than risk any interruption of revictualling, for which, while loath to own any obligation to America, the Germans have always been grateful, since it has had the effect of keeping the population calm, the authorities never pressed the point other than with the burgomasters of the communes.

"Finally, however, the military party, always brutal, and with an astounding ignorance of public opinion and of moral sentiment, determined to put these idle men to work.

"General von Bissing and the civil portion of his entourage had always been and even now are opposed to this policy and I think have sincerely done what they could, first, to prevent its adoption and, secondly to lighten the rigors of its application."

With regard to the above by Whitlock, the Germans had solemnly assured Cardinal Mercier that young Belgian men need not fear being forced into the German army or being employed at forced labors. This was in the autumn of 1914. All through 1915 there were reported cases where the military forced workmen to labor in various factories in Belgium. Later this was followed by an order legalizing this and in October, 1916, a brutal order was promulgated which paved the way for the deportations.

In his report, Whitlock continues:

"Then in August Hindenburg was appointed to the supreme command. He is said to have criticized von Bissing's policy as too mild; there was a quarrel; von Bissing went to Berlin to protest, threatened to resign, but did not. He returned and a German official here said that Belgium would now be subjected to a more terrible regime—would learn what war was. The prophecy has been vindicated. Recently I was told that the drastic measures are really of Ludendorff's inspiration; I do not know. Many German officers say so."

(Nevertheless Bissing defended the deportations, doing so openly in a conversation with F. C. Walcott, an American banker, who was working to ameliorate conditions in Belgium and Poland.)

Whitlock gives this picture of the actual deportations:

"They began in October at Ghent and at Bruges, as my brief telegrams indicated. The policy spread; the rich industrial districts of Hainant, the mines and steel works about Charleroi were next attacked; now they are seizing men in Brabant, even in Brussels, despite some indications and even predictions of the civil authorities that the policy was about to be abandoned.

"During the last fortnight men have been impressed here in Brussels, but their seizures here are made evidently with much greater care than in the provinces, with more regard for the appearances. There was no public announcement of the intention to deport but suddenly about ten days ago certain men in towns, whose names are on the list of chomeurs, received summons notifying them to report at given day; penalties were fixed for failure to respond to the summons and there was printed on the card an offer of employment by the German government either in Germany or in Belgium. On the first day, of about 1500 men ordered to present themselves at the Gare du Midi, about 750 responded. These were examined by German physicians and 300 were taken. There was no disorder, a large force of mounted Uhlans keeping back the crowds and barring access to the station to all but those who had been summoned to appear.

"The commission for relief in Belgium had secured permission to give to each deported man a loaf of bread, and some of the communes provided warm clothing for those who had none and, in addition, a small financial allowance.

"As by one of the ironies of life, the winter has been more excessively cold than Belgium has ever known it, and while many of those who presented themselves were adequately protected against the cold, many of them were without overcoats. The men shivering from cold and fear, the parting from weeping wives and children, the barriers of brutal Uhlans, all this made the scene a pitiable and distressing one.

"The rage, the terror, the despair excited by this measure all over Belgium were beyond anything we had witnessed since the day the Germans poured into Brussels. The delegates of the commission for relief in Belgium returning to Brussels, told the most distressing stories of the scenes of cruelty and sorrow attending the seizures. And daily, hourly almost, since that time appalling stories have been related by Belgians to the legation. It is impossible for us to verify them, first, because it is necessary for us to exercise all possible tact in dealing with the subject at all, and, secondly, because there is no means of communication between the occupations—Gobiet and the Etappen-Gebiet.

"Transportation everywhere in Belgium is difficult, the vicinal railways scarcely operating any more because of the lack of oil, while all the horses have been taken. The people who are forced to go from one village to another must do so on foot, or in vans drawn by the few miserable horses that are left. The wagons of the breweries, the one institution that the Germans have scrupulously respected, are hauled by oxen."

The well-known tendency of sensational reports to exaggerate themselves, Whitlock points out, gives occasion for great prudence in believing rumor, but he adds that even if a modicum of all that is told is true there still remains enough to stamp this deed as one of the foulest that history records.

Then he adds:

"I am constantly in receipt of reports from all over Belgium that tend to bear out the stories one constantly hears of brutality and cruelty. A number of men sent back to Mons are said to be in a dying condition, many of them tubercular. At Malines and Antwerp returned men have died, their friends asserting that they have been victims of neglect and cruelty, of cold, of exposure, of hunger."

Whitlock and the Spanish and Dutch ministers protested against the deportation of men who were at work already, because they clearly did not come within the brutal German order that all unemployed men should be deported. The Spanish legation lodged protests concerning about 200 men a day and the Dutch about as high as 1500. Whitlock at that time estimated that 100,000 persons had been deported, of whom only 2000 were returned.

Belgian burgomasters asked Whitlock to obtain permission to send packages of food to the deported, similar to those sent to prisoners of war, but, except in special instances, this was refused.

Whitlock concludes his report as follows:

"One interesting result of the deportations remains to be noted, a result that once more places in relief the German capacity for blundering, almost as great as the German capacity for cruelty. Until the deportations were begun there was no intense hatred on the part of the lower classes, that is, the workingmen and the peasants. The old Germans of the Landsturm had been quartered in Flemish homes; they and the inmates spoke nearly the same language; they got along fairly well; they helped the women with the work, the poor and the humble having none of those hatreds of patriotism that are among the privileges of the upper classes.

"It is conceivable that the Flemish population might have existed under German rule; it was Teutonic in its origin and anti-French always.

"But now the Germans have changed all that. They have dealt a mortal blow to any prospect they may ever have had of being tolerated by the population of Flanders; in tearing away from nearly every humble home in the land a husband and a father or a son and brother they have lighted a fire of hatred that will never go out; they have brought home to every heart in the land in a way that will impress its horror indelibly on the memory of three generations, a realization of what German methods mean, not, as with the early atrocities, in the heat of passion and the first lust of war but by one of those deeds that make one despair of the future of the human race, a deed coldly planned, studiously matured and deliberately and systematically executed, a deed so cruel that German soldiers are said to have wept in its execution and so monstrous that even German officers are now said to be ashamed."

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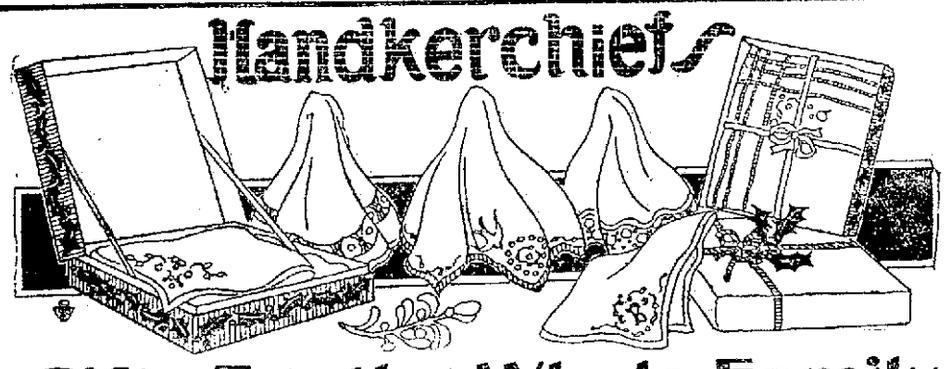

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The following letter was received recently by a teacher in the Lowell high school from Private Gardner G. Gill who is now in France with the Headquarters company of the 101st ammunition train. Private Gill was a member of the 1913 graduating class of the high school and was prominent in football circles at the Kirk street institution:

"Dear Miss —— I don't know whether this will reach you or not, but here goes. No doubt you will be surprised to receive this from across the water, but I am "over here" and am slowly increasing my French vocabulary. It is from the practical end, not the book end.

"As you probably know there are many Lowell boys over here in Lowell organizations but I am not in any of those organizations. I am in the headquarters company of the ammunition train. Among the former Lowell high school fellows whom I have met are the following:

Roger Sherman, '11; Newell Harris, '13; Walter Douglass, '15; John Larrett, '16.

"Harris came over on the same boat with me but is not in this camp. The other three are here. Sherman is not in a Lowell organization but the other two are.

"I have been here a little over a month and like our camp location very much. This climate seems to agree with most of the fellows and many of them are gaining weight.

"I neglected to mention above that my brother, Jesse Gill, L.H.S. '11, is over here but not in this camp. He is in a different branch of the service. I met him in England but saw him for only an hour as his company was leaving the day I arrived. He was over about a week ahead of me. We had a very uneventful trip on the water.

"I received a letter from Lowell dated October 4th with a clipping of the Lowell High-St. John's Prep. game, the score being 0 to 0. I hope Lowell continues the good work. I know Quarterback McNerney. His brother was on the same ship that I came over on. He and Harris are in the same outfit.

"Will close with best wishes and kind regards from your star scholar (?).

"Gardner G. Gill."

Private Bert Conley

Bert Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Conley, 213 Ludlam street, is a horseshoer with Co. A of the 101st Military police now in France. In a letter dated Nov. 10 he writes his mother in part as follows:

Dear Mother: I am writing this because I have already written several letters and have not received an answer.

It does nothing but rain here all the time. I have met quite a few fellows here whom I know and I am chumming around with a fine respectable fellow. We've become great friends.

Well, Ma, how are all the folks at home? Tell them to write to me because a letter from home certainly goes good these days. Tell all the folks that I am well.

Your loving son,
Bert Conley.

Lieut. MacBrayne's Injuries

A letter written by Lieut. W. C. MacBrayne of this city,—and apparently delayed for some time in transit,—serving with the 102d field artillery in France, has been received, in which he stated that he is not permitted to tell where or in what manner he was injured, but that he received a broken nose and wrist, and that two other men, not of his regiment, were also sent to the hospital. It is known, however, that he has since returned to his regiment. The Lowell battery is now receiving instruction on the big guns and the men are reported to be showing great aptitude, though they had only preliminary instruction in the handling of field pieces before leaving the country.

Sergt. C. F. Brown

In a letter to a friend in this city, Sergt. C. F. Brown, formerly an organist at St. Anne's church, now with Base Hospital 36 in France, writes:

"I am writing this letter on shipboard. At last I am really on my way to Europe. It is wonderful, like the opening up of some new and wildly exciting book which I have heard everyone talking of, but which I hardly dared ever to be able to see for myself. It will be difficult to describe to you the subconscious feeling of expectancy and the sense of absolute ignorance as to what the future will offer. We travel at night without a light, either on deck or in any place where it would be visible from without. There is a feeling of expectancy because now that we are in the danger zone we might be torpedoed at any moment. One reaches the state where he sort of anticipates each instant the impact of the blow. The weather has been and continues most favorable, though the sky is overcast and there is a rather high sea on. Last night the wind blew terrifically, and it was intensely thrilling to be on deck with the absolute blackness all around. One might try to walk a short distance fighting his way against the gale, suddenly to run amuck against someone endeavoring to go in the opposite direction. I thought of so many things. Were it not for the other ships crossing with us, there would have been a most poignant feeling of terrible helplessness.

"We left Detroit very suddenly, and within 24 hours were on board ship, sailing immediately. We stopped at a nearby port for several days, in a most beautiful harbor. We are on a very good English boat with other military organizations, and now expect to make port in a day if the good Lord shields us from the dreaded torpedo. Due to my recent promotion to a first-class sergeancy I am traveling second-class, while the balance of the enlisted men are third-class, the officers and nurses of course going first-class. There is a young woman with the unit, a civilian, who plays the cello beautifully. We have spent some very pleasant hours practicing. It is not permitted, however, for the women of the organization to speak to an enlisted man, and we probably will have to cease these somewhat clandestine meetings."

MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rann Kennedy, Mrs. Kennedy being better known as Edith Wynne Mathison, entertained the members of the Middlesex Women's club yesterday afternoon with a joint recital of "Alcestis" in Colonial hall. Mr. Kennedy had previously been heard in this city alone but accompanied by his wife his work reaches the heights of real dramatic ability.

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You can almost certainly find immediate relief in GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules. For more than 200 years this famous preparation has been an unfailing remedy for all kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. Get it at any drug store, and if it does not give you almost immediate relief, your money will be refunded. Be sure you get the GOLD MEDAL brand. None other genuine. In boxes, three sizes.

Save Sugar!

But No Need to Do Without Sweets—There's Always Plenty of the Great American Syrup

ISN'T it a wonderful thing for America that of all the countries in the world, she alone can have this greatest of all grains, Indian Corn. Corn is not understood by Europe—by our allies.

As patriotic men and women, we are asked to change many of our eating habits so that our soldiers and our allies may have more of certain kinds of food.

But one habit we do not need to change. We have enough of the great American Syrup. And to spare. One hundred million packages sold last year shows that Karo is the country's favorite syrup.

Spread the children's bread with Karo and it's no hardship for them to save sugar.

It's a secret among many good cooks that Karo helps the flavor of cooking that calls for sweetening.

In a million homes, Karo is the syrup for griddle cakes.

Good candy is a necessity. Karo makes the best and most delicious home candy in the world. Many homes are reviving this almost lost art with the aid of the candy recipes in the Corn Products Cook Book. Send some to your soldier boy.

Every housewife should know the three great KARO flavors

Karo (golden brown) in the Blue Can The universal household syrup for waffles, hot biscuit, griddle cakes and bread.

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Every woman wants a copy of the Corn Products Cook Book, showing a hundred delicious and economical uses for Karo. You can get it—free—by asking your grocer or writing us.

You Can Use Karo in Making Cake

Here is the recipe for the delicious Karo Fruit Cake. This should be your Christmas cake this year. It is wholesome, has a wonderful flavor and saves the sugar. Try it.

2 cups Karo
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup butter or ¾ cup Mazola
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon each cinnamon and cloves
Grated nutmeg
4 eggs 4½ cups flour
½ cup Duryeas' Cornstarch
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup each raisins and currants well floured

Beat the butter, sugar and Karo to a cream. Add the eggs, well beaten, the milk alternately with the dry ingredients sifted together and the spice. Turn in the fruit last. Bake in a very moderate oven one hour.

Corn Products Refining Company P. O. Box, 161, New York

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BON MARCHE ABANDONS TOYLAND AND OFFERS ATTRACTIONS TO FIT THE TIMES

The Bon Marche, headquarters for Santa Claus and Lowell's greatest toy centre, has this year given up the toyland attraction which so delighted the little folks, and this change, like pretty nearly all other changes of the present day, is due to the war. The words economy and conservation are louder and stronger than the peal of Santa's reindeer bells and in order that the money expended this Christmas shall be along very practical lines, the Bon Marche decided to close Toyland and offer more substantial and practical gifts for Christmas.

This great store is fairly crammed with articles that will make useful and lasting gifts and the window display demands attention. It gives one a very clear insight into the Christmas problem and offers some splendid suggestions. The attractions include almost everything that is serviceable, handsome and durable from handkerchiefs to suits and coats, and the windows, taken as a whole, constitute one of the finest store attractions ever seen in this city. The various articles are prettily arranged and the background and all else is in perfect harmony with the general scheme. The beauty of the display and decorations is due to the artistic skill of Mr. Arsene Lemieux.

The Victrola department is located in the basement and the display of these inanimate singers is a splendid one and includes the Victor, Edison and Columbia machines.

The Bon Marche is each year growing in popularity under the splendid management of Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Walker, the advertising manager, succeeds in keeping the public interested in what the store has to offer.

VIENNA COMMENT ON U. S. DECLARATION OF WAR

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10.—Commenting on America's declaration of war against Austria-Hungary the Neues Wiener Tagblatt of Vienna says:

"President Wilson's sudden idea that war must be declared against Austria-Hungary on the ground that she is Germany's vassal is the craziest of his career as war inciter. We are not frightened by his declaration of war. That Mr. Wilson should think he knows us better than we know ourselves make us laugh.

The Fremdenblatt of Vienna refers to the fact that America's declaration was almost simultaneous with the armistice negotiations with Russia and says it is a natural presumption that President Wilson sees in the turn of events in Russia the danger of a possible peace and desires by his move to prevent the old world from finding repose and to head off stoppage of garnering of the enormous advantages obtained by Americans from the devastation of European states by war.

Before taking your train home from Boston get The Sun at either newsstand in the North station.

.·. BAG COAL .·.

NOTICE

The price of Bag Coal for the City of Lowell as fixed by the United States Fuel Administration is, until further notice, as follows:

1 BAG CONTAINING 16 LBS. OF NO. 1. NUT COAL—
AT DEALER'S YARD (not delivered) 10c
AT RETAIL STORE (not delivered) 12c
DELIVERED AT HOUSE 13c

Attention is called to the fact that there must be 16 lbs. of coal to a bag (not including the weight of the bag) and that the size of the coal is to be No. 1 nut (Chestnut.)

Any variation from these requirements should be reported immediately to the Local Committee.

Lowell Fuel Committee,
511 Sun Building.

WOMAN FINED $50 FOR CARRYING PISTOL

While Sergt. Bartholomew Ryan was walking through Merrimack street last night his attention was attracted to a woman who had something sticking out of one of her pockets which resembled the handle of a revolver. The officer accosted the woman and invited her to accompany him to the police station where it was found that the weapon was a Colt 32 calibre of the automatic type, and was loaded.

When questioned by Capt. Atkinson the woman said she was carrying the gun for self-protection, claiming that in a shooting affray which took place in upper Market street about a week ago her husband had been fired at, and she was fearful lest an attempt might be made on her life. She gave the name of Agns Svolerandopoulos and her address as 12 Lagrange street.

She appeared before Judge Fisher in police court this morning and entered a plea of guilty to a complaint charging her with carrying a pistol without having a permit to do so. She was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of $50. She appealed and was held under $300 for the superior court.

COLDEST IN YEARS

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 11.—Cincinnati experienced its coldest morning in years today, when the thermometer registered 13 degrees below zero.

Efficient Blow Torches

FOR THAWING OUT FROZEN PIPES

The tanks, which are of one quart capacity, are seamless and guaranteed not to leak. They deliver the hottest flame and are simple and safe to operate.

Prices $5.30 and $5.90

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RAILROAD PROBLEMS

The plight of the railroads is the most discouraging aspect of our preparations for war. How present conditions were brought about is well known. Regulation by forty-eight states under which one state through selfishness or political causes might block the will of all the others has been a great factor. The policy of banging the railroads as bloated corporations opposed to the interests of the people was carried to a ruinous extreme. The result is a loss of credit on the part of the railroads and a resultant financial collapse.

The remedies proposed by the railroads themselves have been numerous and varied, but they may be summarized in a general way in the following:

First—Federal supervision of railroad securities.
Second—Federal incorporation of interstate carriers.
Third—Federal regulation of rates.
Fourth—A regional and functional division of the work of the Interstate commerce commission.
Fifth—Restriction of rate suspensions to not more than sixty days.
Sixth—Giving the Interstate commerce commission power to prescribe minimum as well as maximum rates.

The railroad executives believe that with unified regulation under one head and regional sub-divisions, the present difficulties would be overcome. Many varied views are offered as to how the railroads can be rehabilitated without government ownership, among which are the following:

First—Increased rates and shorter periods of suspension.
Second—Federal regulation of rates and security issues.
Third—Federal regulation of wages.
Fourth—Repeal of state and federal anti-trust acts in their application to railroads.
Fifth—A division of the duties of the Interstate commerce commission, so the same body does not act as prosecutor, judge and jury.
Sixth—Co-operation on the part of legislative, regulating and shipping interests to protect railroad credit and to further railroad expansion.
Seventh—Co-operation of investors to protect and maintain credit.
Eighth—Recognition of our national unity of interest in a fundamental economic problem.

The third and fourth of these propositions, particularly the fourth, seem quite radical, although both may be found necessary in order to bring the railroads back to their normal condition of prosperity and working efficiency.

There has been such an overwhelming slump in railroad securities that it will require about a billion dollars a year for some years to bring them up to a status in which they will be able to handle the ever expanding business of the country in a satisfactory manner. But we are at war, and the needs of the government are imperative. Hence there is no time for experimentation or the slow constructive work here suggested. Hence government control for the duration of the war and government assistance financially appear to be the only methods by which the railroads can be made to meet the present needs of the nation.

President Wilson has decided to recommend to congress a plan for the unification of the railroads for the duration of the war. It will probably overcome their present inability to meet the necessities of the nation.

JERUSALEM

It is gratifying to the Christian world, exclusive of the Teutonic powers, that Jerusalem has been wrested from the hands of the Turks. The Holy City, the ancient capital of the Jebusites, the "City of David" and the capital of the Holy Land, is celebrated chiefly as being associated in Scripture with the life of Christ.

The Roman emperor, Constantine, under the inspiration of his mother, Helena, took pains to ascertain the sites of the various events in the passion of Christ and to have churches erected thereon and these thenceforward became objects of pious veneration to pilgrims from every part of the world.

Jerusalem fell under foreign domination in 614 when stormed by the Persian king. It was restored to the Roman emperor in 628, but in 637 fell into the hands of Calif Omar and in 1077 passed under Turkish domination. In 1099 it was taken by assault under Peter the Hermit and declared the capital of a Christian kingdom which was maintained until 1187, when the city passed under the yoke of the great Saladin, since which time, with a few slight interruptions, it has been under Turkish rule.

Its capture by the British will probably restore it permanently to Christian sway despite the peace slogan of "no annexations and no indemnities." The city should be held under international protection as the primitive seat of Christianity, the physical witness of man's redemption, made sacred as the scene of many of Christ's miracles, the site of the temple and many other memorials of the Savior's passion and death.

RED CROSS CRITICIZED

The following from the Wall Street Journal of December 7 is rather surprising:

"A Washington dispatch says the War department may decide to ignore the Red Cross in its plans for taking care of wounded. Charges that the organization has neglected this, its chief function, have been laid before the department. The Tribune quotes 'a man high in the councils of the War department' as saying that the Red Cross has been feminized to a high degree. Bandages and all other equipment for the wounded it has prepared, except the human equipment. France, he adds, is afflicted with many amateur American nurses, who consume food required for soldiers and inhabitants, but who do little real service."

It is true that the Red Cross has been besieged by women who want to be nurses but who lack the necessary training and qualification. Whether conditions are as alleged in the article quoted from the Wall street paper is not entirely clear. Our impression is, that while at present there may be some ground for this charge, yet when the real strain of war work comes, the Red Cross army will be found fully equal to all expectations. It would be wrong, of course, to quarter a lot of amateur nurses upon France or any other belligerent country. Only the nurses that are trained and fit should be sent into active service at the front.

A STORY IN THE ADVS.

Sometimes you can get real news by turning to the advertising columns. The little liner advertisements often contain whole stories of domestic or business bliss, despair, joy or deviltry and occasionally the big display advertisements clearly disclose whether some well known merchant is dead, or still alive and kicking, by their very tone.

The foregoing, because we've dug out of the advertising columns of a Berlin newspaper the tragedy of a whole people.

For exchange, 50 Polish laborers, 20 men and 30 girls, for same number of other hands, says an adv., in The Deutsche Tages-Zeitung. Polish laborers in Germany are not permitted to change masters or to move from place to place without government authorization. With such authorization, however, the masters can make exchanges, as we swap horses and mules, or as our housewives exchange soap grease for soap, or old rags for door mats, kitchen tins and such.

Meanwhile, German autocracy talks independence and constitutional government to Poland. The independence of the dead and the government of serfdom!

OUR POOR, WEAK SUGGESTION

At Cleveland, third city of the world as to production of ready made garments, the garment manufacturers of the country are gathered to devise saving of cloth in women's suits, and it is really a movement for conservation of the highest importance.

Why save wheat, meat, sugar, fuel and such, and keep right on blowing in money on superfluous cloth?

Why put a week into knitting socks that can be bought for $1.12 and go around in an overskirt containing enough cloth to make $12 worth of socks?

Why put father on an allowance of 1 egg and 1 potato per day, that he may save money for Liberty bonds, and spend 40 eggs and 40 bushels of potatoes on a serge bag whose only duty is to flop in the wind? Is there a lady present who can answer that?

We admit that we are weak on suggestions for those designers at Cleveland. Their proposition to make 'em shorter at the bottom or lower at the top is chock-full of dreadful possibilities. If either of those alternatives has to be adopted, cannot a whole lot of elastic be put into them? We refer to the skirts, not to the wearers.

THE BOSTON BATTLE

The fall of Jerusalem and the events of the western battlefront will be matters of secondary interest in Boston until the mayoralty battle shall have been decided in defeat or victory for Curley. At present it is difficult to predict just what the outcome will be, although the G. G. A. is attempting to execute a turning movement on the Curley forces that would enable Peters to go over the top on Curley's first line trenches. But it must not be forgotten that the Curley forces are so strongly entrenched that nothing but heavy artillery fire from all the opposing points of vantage can ever dislodge them.

SEEN AND HEARD

The man who spends time bewailing his hard luck increases it.

Being rich won't make you happy, and this rule works both ways.

The man who gets the most out of life is the man who puts the most into it.

You can flatter almost any one you know as easily as almost any one you know can flatter you.

Even when a man makes a fool of himself, he often tries to put the blame on some one else.

Knowledge may be power, but the ignorant navvy can dig more in a day than the college professor can in a week.

When a girl is eighteen years old, it is hard for her to realize that she may be only thirty-two when she is thirty-eight.

Try to feel cheerful, even if you are sure that few people in the neighborhood where you used to live know what has become of you, and nobody cares.

One on the Landlord

"There was never but one guest at this here hotel that swung me while I was on the job," the landlord confided. "Many have beat me but not while I was awake. But this here feller certainly has got one on me. Say, he's livin' here yet an' he ain't never paid me a cent. Why don't I collect his bill? How can I? Wait till I tell you.

"He'd been stoppin' here for near two months when I approached him on the subject of gettin' something on account. He was cheerful. I was polite. Finally I got mad and put it up to him straight.

" 'Young man,' says I, 'you can't leave this hotel till you pay your bill.'

" 'Will you put that in writin?' says he. 'And before I knowed what I was doin' I done it."—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

Priority.

So many things I have to do
I don't know which to take up first.
Of course, I know I'd counsel you
To do the thing you hate the worst.
With that completed, finished, done,
Only more pleasant tasks await.
First do the worst, and leave the one
You like the best to take up late.

If you've a duty that you dread,
Don't put it off, perform it quick.
Don't hesitate, just go ahead,
You'll chuckle when you've done the trick.
Don't start in with the easiest stunt
And leave the hardest to do last,
Or at the end you may confront
A hopeless task, and stand aghast.
—Somerville Journal.

Tightwad Outclassed

A Muncie's solicitor for the second Liberty Bond issue after asking a notorious "tightwad" of the town to buy one or more bonds, was met by the reply, "I got one of the first issue and can't afford to buy any more."

"Where's your Liberty Bond button, then?" asked the solicitor.

"The baby swallowed it," was the reply.

"Well, then, show me the receipt for your payments for the first bond."

"Can't; cat chewed it up."

"What proof have you, then, that you have brought a bond?"

"Well, I can show you the baby and the cat."

On hearing this facetious reply, the solicitor said: "Well, you can at least do me the favor to drive me in your car to the home of a possible customer," and the other, overjoyed to get away without "loosening," hastily complied. The solicitor gave the "tightwad" the address of the latter's next-door neighbor. Arriving there, the patriotic one did not go into that house, but proceeded to the home of his friend who had refused him, the friend, in amazement, trailing along.

"Mrs. Blank," said the solicitor to the "tightwad's" wife, who opened the door: "I am working in the interest of the government and I should like to see your baby."

"My baby?" queried the astonished wife, "why, he's 28 years old and lives in California."

"Ah, indeed! Well, then, may I inspect your cat?"

Looking at him with frightened eyes, as though she were gazing on a maniac, but somewhat assured by her husband's presence, the wife replied to this, "I never had a cat in my life. I hate 'em and wouldn't have one of 'em around."

Then turning to the husband who had wilted into a chair, the solicitor made out an application for a $100 bond, filled out a check for a similar amount and presented them to the husband, saying: "Just sign on the lower lines, please."

The "tightwad" was too much taken aback to do anything but comply.—Indianapolis News.

Pension Widows

In the Ashbrook pension bill, which passed the last session of congress, the American government for the first time offers certain of its women citizens an insurance against unsuccessful marriage. Up to the present time a pensioned soldier's widow who remarried automatically disappeared from the pension rolls. But now, under this new legislation, she can resume her pensionable status on the death of her second husband.

But the law does far more than that. In case such a soldier's widow marries again and is divorced from the second husband for causes that reflect no discredit upon herself, she again automatically regains her pension. Evidently remarriage is thus made safe for soldiers' widows, the sacred institution, so far as they are concerned, loses its traditional character of a lottery. Taken in connection with the easy divorce laws of many states, the eligible soldier's widow runs not the slightest risk. She enters the state with the foreknowledge that, if the prospective husband proves unsatisfactory, the government stands ready to protect her against the financial consequences of having made a bad choice.

This pension wonder advances to the pension roll many thousands of widows who have been storming it for years. The original pension law granted allowances only to "war widows"—that is, women whose husbands had been killed in the Civil war. But congress, in 1890, passed a law which "covered in" all the women who had married soldiers up to that date. This legislation caused tremendous protest at the time, as it was claimed that young women, born in many cases, after the war, had married veterans merely for the purpose of ascending the pension roll after their husband's death.

In this Ashbrook law, any girl who married a soldier before 1905 will draw $20 a month for life after his death. Here, for example, is a girl, aged 22 in 1905, who marries a 60 or 70-year old veteran. She herself was born in 1883, nearly 20 years after the war ended. On her husband's death she gets $20 a month for life. If she lives until she is 90 she will draw this pension, merely because she had the foresight to marry a poor old veteran who was tottering toward the grave.—World's Work.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Loyal Integrity lodge, I.O.O.F., M.L., was held last night and despite the severe weather, the attendance was very large. Noble Grand David Thomas presided and considerable business was transacted during the evening. P. S. Thomas Chadwick and Treasurer George Chase were appointed to secure a service flag for the lodge. The committee on the tobacco fund for soldier members in the army in France reported progress. Officers for the ensuing six months were nominated.

Loyal Integrity Staff association held its regular meeting in the same hall Sunday morning, Dec. 9. President Thomas M. Smith presided. There was a large amount of regular routine business, and officers for the ensuing term were nominated. A successful rehearsal of the drill was held under Chief of Staff Thomas M. Smith. During the social hour, the following program was given: Song, James Taylor; recitation, President Thomas M. Smith; song, V. P. Sidney Fryer, quartet, Edward Russell, Harry Barrett, William Alfano and P. G. Frank Bowles; song, William McCready; recitation and song, P. P. G. M. Edward Mackley; song, P. G. Frank Bowles.

The meeting closed with the singing of "The Star Spangle Banner" by the full chorus.

There was a large attendance at the regular meeting of Gen. Adelbert Ames camp, United Spanish War veterans, last night. The election of officers for 1918 was held, which resulted as follows: Commander, J. F. Crowley; senior vice commander, W. M. Prescott; junior vice commander, Richard Gibbons; officer of the day, Patrick Burns; officer of the guard, Thomas Conniff; trustee, Frank Dodge; delegates to the department convention, F. H. Driscoll, F. A. Boyle, C. H. Lambert and F. R. Cheney.

The next meeting of the camp will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, at the state armory, as the regular meeting night falls on Christmas. At this meeting, the contest for new members will close. Two new members were mustered in last night.

LOWELL GUILD COUNCIL

At a regular monthly meeting of the Lowell Guild council held yesterday, the following report was made by Miss Price, acting superintendent:

	Met.	Rg.	Tl
Total patients brought forward	16	19	65
Total new patients visited in homes	61	56	97
Total visits for nursing care	171	158	839
Friendly visits	—	1	—
Instructive visits	—	16	—
Unrecorded visits	—	9	—
Prenatal visits	—	10	—
New prenatals	1		
Total	17		
Milk station calls			106
New babies taken on breast fed			1
New babies taken on home modifications			6
Babies at conference			18
Relief given—			
Grocery orders			16
Home delivery quarts milk			362
Station modification quarts			251
Co-operating agencies—			
Board of charities			2
Lowell Sunday School league			6
Anti-tuberculosis council			3

AMBULANCE PURCHASED BY K. OF P. PRESENTED CAMP DEVENS

Officers of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias visited Camp Devens at Ayer yesterday afternoon and presented the camp the new ambulance which has been purchased from subscriptions given by Pythian lodges in cities all over the state.

A meeting of the service committee, on which are representatives of lodges in this city, Fitchburg, Ayer, Leominster and other cities, was held Sunday afternoon at Camp Devens. It was voted to send letters of thanks to those who contributed articles of food for the soldiers who were unable to leave the camp on Thanksgiving day.

The entertainment committee reported that the entertainment which was to have been held in Hut 23, on Saturday evening was postponed because of the storm, and will be held at a later date. Other entertainments to be held during the winter are also planned.

On Monday evening, Dec. 17, at 7 o'clock sharp, in the town hall at Ayer, the third degree rank will be worked on 90 men by the degree team of the Peter Woodland lodge, Lowell Pythians planning to attend should take the 5.47 o'clock train for Ayer. A special return car will leave Ayer at 10 o'clock, or the Lowell men may return in the special cars bound for Lynn, which will pass through this city.

The service committee of the Pythians probably will do the same for the men at Ayer on Christmas day as they did on Thanksgiving day, in the way of distributing favors and gifts.

LINCOLN MASQUERADE BALL

The committee in charge of the annual masquerade ball of the Lincoln club requests that all participants in the grand march be in the hall at 8 o'clock, as the march will start promptly at 8.10. Although a large number of the members of the club are now in the national service and will be unable to attend, the committee reports that the party will be as successful as previous efforts. The party will take place tomorrow evening in Associate hall.

KEROSENE PRICE ADVANCED

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Standard Oil company of New York yesterday announced an advance of one cent a gallon in the price of kerosene for domestic use. The new prices are 11c in barrels and 10c tank wagon basis.

THOS. GRANT THOMPSON DEAD

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Dec. 11.—Thomas Grant Thompson, a retired paper manufacturer of Westfield, Mass., and a relative of former United States Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts, died at Berlin, during the night, of heart trouble.

EXTRA DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—An extra dividend of $2.50 a share on the common stock was declared yesterday by the Pacific Mail Steamship company, together with the customary semi-annual disbursement of 50c a share.

ASST. SECRETARY OF TREASURY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Thomas D. Love of Dallas, Tex., was nominated yesterday to be assistant secretary of the treasury, to fill one of the new offices created for the war.

MRS. GERARD UNDER KNIFE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Mrs. James W. Gerard, wife of the former American ambassador to Germany, underwent an operation for appendicitis here yesterday.

LEE ARTHUR, PLAYWRIGHT, DEAD

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—Lee Arthur, playwright, died here as the result of an automobile accident ten weeks ago. He was 40 years old and a native of Shreveport, La.

ELKS' POP CONCERT, CABARET AND DANCE IN AID OF CHRISTMAS CHARITY

The committee in charge of the Elks' pop concert, cabaret and dance to be held at the Kasino in Thorndike street Thursday night in aid of Christmas charity is working hard in order to make the affair a monster success. The program will include a variety of dancing and entertainment. Miss Thelma Lu Craft of Boston, perhaps better known as Souja Monologue, the young girl who has started the Hub talking of her cleverness, will be among the headline entertainers. The program also will include classical dancers, artists from B. F. Keith's circuit and the Strand theatre, and in addition, such favorites as Walter Davis, Miss Bertha Dion, Walter Clough, Miss Alice Dion, Miss Margaret McDonough, Mrs. Florence Saxon, Ed. "Tip" Handley, Commissioner James E. Donnelly and others.

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He is one of thousands who have broken down with Tuberculosis in our Army or have been refused admission to the Army because of Tuberculosis.

War always increases Tuberculosis

Red Cross Christmas Seals are sold in your community to protect you and your family from Tuberculosis and to provide proper care for your soldier boys who break down with this disease.

You must buy three times as many this year.

Put Red Cross Seals on all your holiday mail and packages. Buy a lot and resell some to your friends who might otherwise neglect it.

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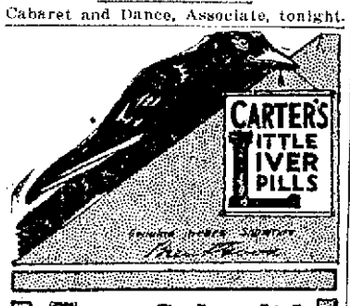
BRITISH OFFICERS HERE ON WAY TO CHINA

AN-ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 11.—On a liner arriving here yesterday were twelve British army officers who said they were on their way to China on a military mission. They declined to hint at the nature of their task. With them were nearly 70 officers of the Canadian overseas forces on leave of absence.

COUNT VON LUXBURG, DISMISSED GERMAN MINISTER, GOES TO SANITARIUM

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 10.—Coun von Luxburg, the dismissed German minister to Argentina today entered a sanitarium to undergo treatment for a nervous disorder. This probably will further delay his departure from Argentine.

Cabaret and Dance, Associate, tonight.



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U.S. SOLDIERS CHEER MRS. BELMONT IN FRANCE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 10.—(By the Associated Press.) Mrs. August Belmont of New York won the applause of several hundred soldiers who crowded the Y.M.C.A. building in the American field headquarters town to hear her relate her experiences while visiting the soldiers near the British and French fronts. She urged the soldiers to carry the American fighting spirit throughout the war.

The automobile in which Mrs. Belmont was traveling was several hours behind its schedule in arriving at headquarters. Instead of stopping for dinner, Mrs. Belmont went directly to the building where the soldiers had been waiting patiently. She was given a rousing cheer when she quoted this line from a play in which she appeared when she was Eleanor Robson:

"If things are not cheerful folks must be."

Mrs. Belmont later returned to Paris.

COLDEST DECEMBER 10 IN THIRTY YEARS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Low temperature accompanied by high winds continued here today with increasing numbers of reports of suffering due to the shortage of the coal supply. Yesterday, the coldest Dec. 10 in 30 years, made it impossible to bring 40,000 tons of coal—a two-day supply for Greater New York, across the bay from New Jersey, and dealers today continued to measure out their dwindling supply on the equal distribution plan.

Hospital accommodations for children were reported to be crowded, the result, according to charity workers, of unheated living rooms and to undernourishment due to the inability of parents to buy milk and other necessary foods. In scores of public schools the supply of coal is about exhausted.

NO VOTING LEAVE FOR CAMP DEVENS MEN

AYER, Dec. 11.—Orders received from Washington refusing to grant leaves of absence to soldiers of the National army at Camp Devens to vote at city and town elections were announced yesterday. Maj. G. M. Peek, division intelligence officer, said, however, that no objections would be made to soldiers voting here in camp if the various municipalities could arrange it. Hundreds of Boston and Worcester voters are affected by the order.

Women friends of soldiers were barred from the barracks of the cantonment on Sundays by an order issued from divisional headquarters yesterday. Soldiers have complained that visitors take up their only day of rest.

Zero temperature hindered training at the camp yesterday. It was 3 below at reveille and at noon the mercury had risen to only five above the zero mark.

MILITARY COLLEGE FOR FIREMEN AT AYER

AYER, Dec. 11.—A military college for firemen was opened at Camp Devens today under the direction of Lt. John F. McAree, chief of the cantonment's fire department. Twenty-five picked men of the half-hundred that compose the fire-fighting forces at the camp commenced study of chemistry, including the explosive value of chemicals, and a course in French, German and Italian.

This latest innovation in the training of New England's national army division is intended, according to Chief McAree, who saw many years of fire-fighting as a captain in the New York city department, to prepare the men for any emergency, including transfer for duty abroad. All the men in the camp's permanent department are former members of fire departments in 17 New England cities and towns. The new college will also give the men a chance to take a course in practical laboratory work and it is the intention to fit them so that when they return to civil life they will be available for higher positions in the fire departments which they left when they were drafted for military service.

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DUNNVILLE, Ont., Dec. 11.—A lifeboat containing eight or nine men, apparently frozen to death, was reported off Port Maitland yesterday. Three tugs are searching for it.

The tug Archie V of Port Dover struck the Tecumseh reef Sunday and went to pieces in the storm. No survivors landed and it is presumed the drifting boat carried her crew.

Cabaret and Dance, Associate, tonight.

TWO FISHING VESSELS LOST

GLOUCESTER, Dec. 11.—Despatches to fisheries interests here today told of the loss of two Gloucester fishing vessels in a storm off the Nova Scotia coast last Friday. The schooner Joseph . Mesquita of 78 tons which was built only last year, was driven ashore and broken to pieces near Canso. The schooner Rhodora of 81 tons, went aground near Port Hawkesbury, C. B., and filled quickly. The crews of both craft were saved.

R.R. EMPLOYES WANT INCREASE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 11.—On the request of railway clerks, baggagemen and station employes of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad for changes in the wage and time schedules, it is expected that a conference of a committee of the employes with General Manager Willyn will be held shortly.

The request is for an increase of 75 cents per day, abolition of piece work, tonnage and bonuses, an eight-hour day schedule and a minimum wage of $2.50 a day.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

KEITH'S THEATRE

Do you ever get that creepy and yet enjoyable feeling that everything is nothing? That you are in a land where even the inhabitants are nothing more than flimsy clouds and fantasies? Well, that's the impression you get from the presentation of "Dream Fantasies," the headliner at the B. F. Keith theatre, this week.

Scenery that is wonderful in that it seems to depict nothing and yet gives pleasure to the beholder, forms the setting of the act. One seems to see nothing but a maze of nebulous screens and almost transparent illusions. Then suddenly a dancer comes forth, but the only way you have of knowing that the dancer is a human being is by the motions it makes. For the rest, there is nothing but flimsy drapery that seems to begin nowhere and end in the same place.

The dancing numbers are given by an Appollo-like youth and several charming damsels or should we call them fairies? Their numbers are supposed to be interpretative of well, various things. You have to look on the program to know just what. But this very fact seems to carry out the atmosphere of bewitchery and illusion which pervades the whole offering. This act is a tonic for ragged nerves and those not so ragged.

Johnny Jones, unobtrusive young man, and Marion Greenlee, who believes in the preservation of self, must be given second place on the bill without a whimper. The couple are would-be or rather have-been actors who are temporarily deprived of lodging because of the insistence of the lady of the company that her dog be given quarters in a hotel designed primarily for human beings. The twain argue strenuously and the audience laughs—strenuously. That's all that can be said about the act from the outside. You'll have to see it to get the innate good fun which pervades it.

"Roses" are usually associated with all that is happy and enjoyable in life. But in the offering portrayed last evening by Charles Schofield, Isadore Martin & Co., the thorny side of the flower was predominant for a while and then the roses assumed their true nature and cast an odor of fragrance about the act which ended just as audiences desire acts to end. The story told was that of a young girl who had just completed her "finishing" school course and was coming home to her uncle, a crabbed old bachelor whose hobby was cultivating roses. One Rose in particular he gave special attention to and that was his graduate niece. Another gentleman, Jack by name, also saw a lot of good things in friend Rose. He came to uncle and asked that he might have the flower in his garden forever. From there on there is action aplenty with a happy climax. An excellent setting is given the little sketch.

Dave Roth wears clothes, combs his hair and incidentally plays the piano. He is proficient in all three arts, but his work in the latter predominates. When he gets through you wish he would play some more and when he plays some more you wish he would never stop. David also talks and sings. He is good.

The Wills Brothers, one of them, at least, does all his work atop a high pole which is balanced either on the shoulder or chest of his companion. Their act is one of the best openers seen here for some time.

Gilmore and Castle are blackface entertainers who are on the job every minute and do a lot of versatile work.

"The Price Mark," featuring Dorothy Dalton, is the photo play of the week and is a gripping portrayal of New York artistic and social life. The Hearst-Pathe pictures are good and a number of war scenes are shown.

Seats may be obtained at the box office in advance. 'Phone 28.

OPERA HOUSE

The theatre-going public of Lowell is certainly being treated to a well-arranged variety of dramas at the Opera House this season, and each play is so staged and the parts so carefully and sympathetically taken that it is a real pleasure to witness each production, whether it be comedy or one of the heavier problem plays. The efforts of the Emerson players this week are bent on the successful presentation of an unusual play, full of thrills and mystery almost until the final curtain. "The Other Wife" is the tale of a seemingly perfect man, a mentioned candidate for governor of New York, whose character even defies the political X-ray, and whose home-life is ideal, after eighteen years of wedded bliss. A charming wife and a beautiful marriageable daughter complete the picture of an ideal home. But somewhere in the dim past, when but a youth of eighteen, he was the victim of an unscrupulous woman of the world who induced him to marry her that she might enjoy his father's wealth. When his father disowned him she deserted him for another man, and in despair he came to New York to forget his misery in work. He is accorded brilliant success in his efforts, marries a lovely woman and, in fact, after eighteen years seems to have all that a man could desire, when "The Other Wife," fresh from a jail sentence, appears on the scene. How he meets this trying ordeal, saves his family from disgrace, and brings all things to a happy conclusion is the most thrilling part of the story.

Mr. Robert Lawrence as Robert Bevington, the man in the case, is completely out-doing all former efforts and is certainly the star of the cast this week, in this very complicated part. Miss Sydney, as Mrs. Bevington Number 2, is her usual charming self, and succeeds in winning her audience in the opening scene. Isabelle, the daughter, (Miss Rotoli) as the piquant fiancee of Richard Bender, (David Dumbrille) is a refreshing type of the engaged girl of today, and her promised husband keeps the audience amused in his efforts to "ask father." A little comedy is instilled by the "Newlyweds and their baby," (Mr. Arthur de Lord and Miss Gladys McLeod), and Jerome Kennedy as "Boss" Riley also does his "bit" along this line. A very fine bit of acting was given by Claude Kimball as a Derelict, and the other minor parts were well sustained. As a whole, the play is something "different" and one which will surely make a big demand on teh sale of seats.

There will be afternoon and evening performances for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. Charles Wallace, of 669 Central street, was the holder of the lucky reserved seat coupon and was awarded a handsome hat from the store of Rose Jordan Hartford.

STRAND THEATRE

A feature of the program at the Strand theatre last evening, was the personal appearance of Arthur Ashley, the well and favorably known motion picture star, who interested his audience with a brief talk and who promised to return to this city Wednesday. Owing to the bad condition of the road from New York to Lowell, Mr. Ashley, who made the trip in his specially made Paige automobile, was delayed en route and arrived at the theatre a little late, but his explanation and excuse to the audience was satisfactory.

Mr. Ashley was introduced by Mr Seriero, general manager of the Park theatre in Boston. He told of his automobile trip from New York to Lowell and the many narrow escapes he had on the way, particularly in Providence, where one of the members of his party was tossed from the car when the machine skidded. "I make it a fast and hard rule to keep my engagement when possible," he said. "Under ordinary circumstances the Lowell engagement would have been temporarily cancelled, but I promised to be here on Monday and here I am—late, but nevertheless here." At the close of the performance, the artist held a brief reception in the lobby of the theatre and promised to return to Lowell Wednesday afternoon and evening.

The feature film at the theatre the first three days of the week is "Treasure Island," a recent picturization of Louis Stevenson's masterpiece. The picture unfolds one of the most enjoyable stories, which is wonderfully well presented. The film production is still better than the book story and that means a whole lot. The characters are well portrayed while the scenic effects are wonderful.

Harry T. Morey and Dorothy Kelley are both being featured in the clever production entitled "The Law Decides." The story is one of those tense, gripping recitals of events in the life of a young man and his wife whose happiness is marred by the presence of another woman. The play is unusually interesting and should appeal to lovers of good drama.

The comedy presented on the screen this week is of the A-1 quality, while the Strand revue of current events includes views of showing methods employed by the government in its making of an army and navy. The educational feature is not only entertaining, but instructive as well.

The Symphony orchestra, under the direction of Conductor Arthur J. Martel, entertains with real music, while the organ numbers by Mr. Martel prove very enjoyable. The soloist of the week is Miss Margaret Milla Henry, who has a pleasing voice and sings enjoyable numbers.

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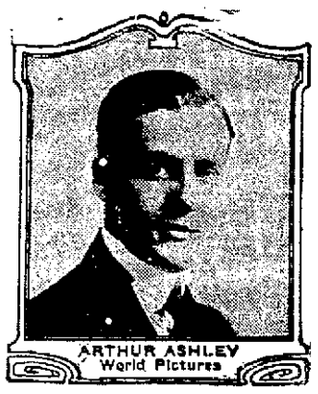

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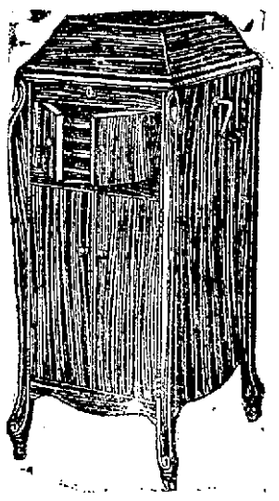

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BOYS CHARGED WITH ENTERING STORES

Henry J. De Foe, aged 16 years; Wesley C. Kenney, aged 16 years, and John J. Gargan, aged 14 years, were arrested late yesterday afternoon by Lieut. Martin Maher. They were charged with having made breaks into several stores within the past few days. The police claim that De Foe and Gargan are on parole from Shirley.

According to the police, the trio broke into the wholesale store of the C. P. Comerford Co., at 80 Chapel street, Saturday night and secured a small amount of money.

Sunday night, it is said that they broke into Edward Scally's bake shop at 547 Central street. An entrance was gained through a rear window. They took 90 cents in money and a quantity of cakes.

The Manhattan market at 714 Gorham street was also broken into Sunday night and $3 in money was taken from a drawer. In this place, like at the Comerford store, the contents of the store was scattered in every direction. An attempt to enter the provision store of Daniel Cosgrove at 169 Chapel street, was also made Sunday night, but the thieves were frightened away while attempting to open a window in the rear of the store.

Each of the young men was held under $300 bonds for appearance before the juvenile session of the police court on Friday morning.

MATRIMONIAL

Lieut. Thomas Mather of the Coast artillery corps, O.R.C., of Fortress Monroe and Miss Mary Janet Goodell were married Dec. 8 at the home of the bride, 271 Foster street by Rev. A. R. Hussey of the First Unitarian church. The bridesmaids were sisters of the bride, Misses Catherine and Elizabeth Goodell, while the best man was J. Hodge of Billerica.

Simpson—McMann

Alfred H. Simpson and Miss Mary A. McMann were married Dec. 8 at St. Peter's rectory, the ceremony being performed by the pastor, Rev. Dr. D. J. Kelcher. The bride wore a brown traveling suit with hat to match, and carried yellow chrysanthemums. The bridesmaid, Miss Doris Simpson, a cousin of the bride, was attired in a blue traveling suit and carried white chrysanthemums. The best man was Edward McMann, a brother of the bride. At the close of the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride, 143 Hale street, and present were guests from Rochester and Tilton, N. H., Norwich, Conn., and Boston. After an extended honeymoon trip, the couple will make their home at 195 Hale street.

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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD MEMBER CONDUCTS HEARING AT CITY HALL

David Dickinson, a member of the industrial accident board conducted a hearing at city hall this morning in the case of Sophronia Zervas, an employe of the Merrimack Mfg. Co. vs. the American Mutual Liability Assurance company, an action to recover under the workman's compensation act.

Mrs. Zervas received injuries to her leg while falling in the mill on May 15, 1917 and she claims compensation on the ground that she was in the performance of her duties when the accident occurred. The insurance company refused compensation on the ground that when the accident occurred the employe was fooling. The woman denies this, but fellow employes stated that she was running after another employe when she slipped and fell on the floor. F. H. Pearson represented the employe, while Francis A. Lavelle of Boston looked after the interests of the company. No decision was rendered.

Follow the crowd, Assoc. tonight.

DEBATE ON POST OFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Debate on the postoffice appropriation bill, first of the big supply measures of the session, began in the house today. The bill carries an aggregate of $333,000,000, including $1,200,000 for a censorship of European mails, but fails to provide for pneumatic tube service in large cities, an item upon which a sharp contest centered last year.

PENOBSCOT RIVER CLOSED

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 11.—The Penobscot river closed to navigation today, five days earlier than last year, and a day later than the average closing date for 99 years. Two Reading coal barges narrowly escaped being frozen in, having been towed out late last night.

600 AUSTRO - HUNGARIANS IN DRAFTED ARMY ASSIGNED TO DEPOT BRIGADE

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 11.—About 600 drafted men at Camp Lee, claiming to be Austro-Hungarian subjects have been separated from the various units to which they were assigned originally and put in the depot brigade. It was indicated they would be given police duty exclusively. The majority are from Pennsylvania, but a few are from West Virginia.

DR. ANDREW W. TRACY, 71, FORMER MAYOR OF MERIDEN, CONN. DEAD

MERIDEN, Conn., Dec. 11.—Dr. Andrew W. Tracy, 71 years old, mayor of this city in 1892, died last night at his home after a four months' illness. He was a native of Vermont and a graduate of McGill university.

TO RELIEVE SUFFERING OF DEPENDENTS OF SAILORS LOST WITH JACOB JONES

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—The Massachusetts auxiliary of the Naval Relief society already has taken steps to relieve suffering on the part of dependents of several of the sailors who lost their lives when the United States destroyer Jacob Jones was sunk by a German submarine. One family was found in very needy circumstances, and it was learned that the mothers of two Boston men had been entirely dependent on their sons for support.

JAPANESE TROOPS LAND AT VLADIVOSTOK

TIENTSIN, Dec. 11.—A Central News dispatch states that Japanese troops have landed at Vladivostok.

Chinese troops have entered Harbin to protect their nationals.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Unconfirmed reports that Japanese troops are in control of the great quantities of supplies piled up at Vladivostok for the Russian government created no surprise at the state department yesterday, where officials are under the impression that a small number of Japanese troops have been there for some time.

GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS Continued

improving their tactical positions. An apparently local attempt to cross the lower reaches of the Piave has been checked by the Italians who re-captured observation trenches taken by Austrian soldiers.

Official Entry Into Jerusalem

Official entry into Jerusalem is planned for today. Allied troops entered the city after it was surrendered and the Turks were forced to surrender. Capture of the city was delayed through the fear that fighting operations might result in the damaging of religious shrines.

Situation Grave In Moscow

Meagre reports from Russia indicate that the Bolsheviki are meeting with difficulty in maintaining control of Moscow. The situation there is reported grave, with the Bolsheviki garrison refusing to obey its commander who has ordered machine guns placed in the streets in anticipation of an uprising.

A Copenhagen despatch says that the Bolsheviki have ordered troops from the Caucasus to put down Generals Kaledines, Korniloff and Dutoff while from London it is reported large forces are being sent from the Baltic-Blacksea front into the Ukraine and the Cossack provinces. The Bolsheviki government controls virtually all the direct means of communication with the interior of Russia.

Aviation Activities

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The official statement on aviation activities, issued tonight reads:

"On Saturday, rain prevented flying until the afternoon, when a certain amount of artillery work and reconnoitering was done. Our airplanes dropped bombs on hostile billets and fired many rounds at ground targets. Two of our airplanes are missing."

Chinese Troops at Harbin

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 11.—Petrograd newspapers report that Chinese troops have arrived at Harbin, Manchuria, to protect Chinese interests, according to the Berlingske Tidende.

Fighting In Moscow

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Street fighting has occurred in Moscow and the Swedish consul there has advised all Swedes to leave the city, according to advices received in Harparanda and forwarded by the Stockholm correspondent of The Morning Post. It is added that starvation seems to threaten Moscow. Most of the Swedes there are said to have taken the consul's advice.

Patrol Encounters

PARIS, Dec. 11.—"Patrol encounters occurred north of Bezonvaux (Verdun front) and near Tahire (Champagne)," says the war office statement today. "Active artillery fighting developed in some sectors of upper Alsace and Lorraine."

Fear Uprising In Moscow

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The situation in Moscow is reported to be grave, according to a Times despatch from Petrograd. The Bolsheviki, according to Petrograd newspapers, have placed machine guns in the streets as they fear an uprising of hostile parties. The garrison, however, shows signs of insubordination and is reported to be disobeying the Bolsheviki commander, a private soldier named Muranoff.

Considerable forces, the despatch adds, are being detached from the western front to be sent against the Cossacks.

Martial Law at Jerusalem

LONDON, Dec. 11.—No attempt will be made to define the future position of Jerusalem until a general peace comes, the Times says. In the meantime the city will be treated as in British military occupation and will be under martial law. Gen. Allenby will appoint a military governor. While the British flag will fly over the city the French and Italian flags will be placed over their national property such as convents and schools.

A solemn thanksgiving and Te Deum will be held in St. Paul's cathedral today in celebration of the surrender.

To Suppress Counter Revolt

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 10.—As the Bolsheviki government has proofs that Gens. Kaledines and Dutoff have been arresting workmen's and soldiers' councils and trying to disarm revolutionary garrisons, according to a despatch received here from the official Petrograd telegram bureau, the government has decided to make an end to the counter revolutionary movement. It has ordered enough troops to suppress the movement to be transferred from the Caucasus. It is explained that the troops in the Caucasus were chosen so as not to diminish the forces on the eastern front.

Lowell, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1917

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200 Fur Coats to Choose From

MUSKRAT COATS—40 inches, $75.00 value..... $59.50
Very popular this season.

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Dark skins, ripple flare style, sell at $175.

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25 PLUSH COATS
Plain Fur Collar and fur trimmed styles, selling to $35.00. Choice.... $25.00
Sizes to 48.

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12-18 JOHN STREET

$75,000 FIRE AT HARTFORD

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 11.—Fire of undetermined origin swept the top floor of a five-story business block here early today, doing damage estimated at $75,000. About 1200 automobile tires were destroyed. The lower floors, occupied by R. S. Peck & Co., printers, and the Good year Tire & Rubber Co., were water-soaked. The building is owned by the Hartford Investment corporation.

BOY PUNISHED, DIES IN CLASSROOM

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 11.—Ernest Albert Miller, 7 years old, was detected by his teacher in some childish mischief in a classroom of the Slocum school yesterday morning. She called in the principal, Miss Alice Mahler, and laid the case before here because she did not wish to take the responsibility of inflicting punishment.

Miss Mahler did not hesitate. She picked up a ruler and brought it down on the boy's hands. It is not charged she struck him severely, but the humiliation hurt him deeply.

He went back to his desk and laid his head on his arms. When efforts were made to arouse him a little later it was found he was dead. The boy was the son of George Miller, 37 Oak street, a tool setter. The boy had been under the care of a physician for a nervous affliction, a weak heart and rheumatism.

Miss Mahler denied herself to interviewers last night. Berlin W. Tinker, superintendent of schools, refused to discuss the case.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION ON U. S. SUBMARINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—News of an explosion on board the submarine A-2, resulting in the death of Joseph Schaefer, chief electrician of the boat, was received yesterday by the navy department. No details were given by the department's announcement.

Schaefer died from injuries after the accident. He was 23 years old and enlisted in the navy March 6, 1912, at Omaha, Neb., as an apprentice seaman. After being honorably discharged March 4, 1916, from the U.S.S. Iris, he re-enlisted May 19, 1916, as an electrician. His sister, Mrs. Clara Amen, lives at Hastings, Neb.

STEAMER SENDS OUT CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Officials of the Munson Steamship line here were still without advices today regarding the whereabouts of its steamer Mundale. The vessel, carrying 37 was reported last night as having sent out wireless calls for aid from a position about 50 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras. An oil steamer which caught these messages reported it could find no trace of the Mundale upon arriving at the position indicated. Hope was expressed by the officials that the steamship which asked for assistance was not the Mundale, which was in government service and bound for a southern United States port. They said they were unable to reconcile the distance between Philadelphia and Cape Hatteras, about 400 miles with the period which elapsed between the time of her departure from Philadelphia and the time the oil tanker picked up the wireless calls.

S. W. Zickefoose, director of public safety, at Wichita, Kan., will take most of his policemen out of uniform and put them in plain clothes. Only traffic policemen will wear uniforms. Mr. Zickefoose does not believe in advertising his patrolmen with brass buttons and bright stars.

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A CASE OF RATTLES

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All this week we shall offer more tempting bargains and continue our fight against high prices. We cordially invite all thrifty housekeepers to pay a visit to the Big Market during this week, as we have many surprises in store for you.

From Producer to Consumer—Direct to Your Table

5000 Sugar Cured Hams, 8 to 12 lbs. weight, lb.....35c
Campbell's Soups 10c
Ritter's Ketchup 12½c
Legs Lamb, lb.....22c
Fores Lamb, lb.....15c
Lamb Chops, lb.....25c
Legs of Veal, lb.....15c
Veal Chops, lb.....18c
Veal Steak, lb.....25c
HAMBURGER STEAK, fresh ground, lb. 15c
Big variety of Soups (including Castile), only, bar.....5c
20 Mule-Team Borax Soap...5c
Borax 12½c
Borax Chips 23c
½ bbl. Sacks of Flour....$6.25
3 lbs. Best Coffee (freshly ground and roasted).....50c

SPECIAL SALE ON CORNED BEEF TODAY AND WEDNESDAY, lb.....12½c
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LOWELL WINS BEST GAME OF SEASON

AM. POLO LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Lowell	8	4	66.7
Worcester	7	5	58.3
Taunton	6	6	50.0
Providence	4	5	44.4
Brockton	3	5	37.5
Lawrence	2	8	33.3

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

Lowell 4, Brockton 3.
Providence 9, Worcester 8.
Lawrence 3, Brockton 2.

"The best game of the season and one of the best polo games ever played.

That's what they all said, as the fans walked out of the Rollaway rink last night, after the spectacular 4 to 3 victory scored by Lowell over the scrappy Taunton team.

The game was a thriller from start to finish, replete with action and just enough roughness to bring the fans and fanettes to their toes during the three periods. The visitors are a peppery bunch, and with the man who manufactured "pep," Jesse Burkett, officiating, there was absolutely nothing to be desired in that line.

The third period of last night's game will go down in history as one of the most remarkable garrison finishes recorded in the books. Lowell was literally "up against the wall," but the old reliable Griffith came to the front and with a mighty smash, caged the goal that broke the tie, and brought victory to the home boys.

The game started off with both teams, employing their full strength, and after the first minutes of play, all in the rink were convinced that they were in for a strenuous battle. They got it. With Harkins, Oldham and Griffith working a brilliant offensive, and Carrigan and Allard, playing a great defensive game, the period passed into history without either team counting. The second period found Lowell jumping into the lead, with two goals, one by Harkins and the other by Griffith.

Then that third period, that session of action, aggressiveness and excitement. The Taunton players did not quit with Lowell apparently having the game sewed up. Far be it. Why the lead only made them more scrappy. They went into the session determined to wipe out the lead, and they became very strenuous in their efforts. They kept Burkett on the jump throughout, and several times the going got so rough, that Jesse halted the game to caution the offenders. After one minute of play Trulson of Taunton caged the puk. This did not cause much excitement, but a little over five minutes later, Freeland came to the front, and shot in one that tied the score. Here the fans rose en masse, and they yelled and pleaded for a Lowell score. The ball was spotted and the whistle blown, Freeland won the rush, and in a shorter time than it takes to tell it, or just six seconds, he registered a goal, which put Taunton in the lead. The crowd again appealed to the Lowell men to come through. In just 24 seconds Griffith landed one that made the score three all. Here the crowd went wild, and the fever proved contagious. The players contracted it and they went at each other with a physical display seldom seen in polo. With each clash came a clamor for a Lowell win. With practically every one in the hall standing and yelling frantically, Griffith again came forth and ripped off one from the centre that got by Allard and gave a well earned and strenuously contested game to Lowell by the score of 4 to 3.

Griffith was the star performer, getting three of Lowell's four goals and also giving a great exhibition of how the game can and should be played. His old side partner, Harkins, played his usual brilliant game, while the others on the Lowell team did their bit. For Taunton, Freeland and Trulson proved a very capable pair of rushes, and Dufresne, Carrigan and Allard worked hard on the defensive. The visitors showed that they are a great team, and while defeated they were by no means disgraced. The score:

Lowell—4	3—Taunton
Oldham, 1st r	1st r, Freeland
Harkins, 2d r	2d r, Trulson
Griffith, c	c, Dufresne
Fennell, hb	hb, Carrigan
Purcell, g	g, Allard

(First Period).

Caged by, won by — Time
No score.

(Second Period).

Harkins, Lowell — .50
Griffith, Lowell — 5.47

(Third Period).

Trulson, Taunton — 1.05
Freeland, Taunton — 5.20
Freeland, Taunton — .06
Griffith, Lowell — .24
Griffith, Lowell — 2.46

Summary: Score—Lowell 4, Taunton 3. Rushes: Lowell 7, Taunton 3. Stops: Purcell 19, Allard 23. Referee, Burkett; timer, Sullivan.

Polo Notes

Lowell continues to show the way.

Griffith could have anything he wanted from that crowd last night.

Next Friday night, Lawrence and Lowell will meet at the Rollaway, and on Saturday afternoon Taunton and Lowell will again clash at the Rollaway. This game will start sharply at 2.45.

A city that has such an aggressive team as that which represented Taunton, must indeed be a "dead one" not to accord it generous support. That quintet is worthy of packed houses, at every game, and undoubtedly when located in a live town, it will get it.

OPENING OF Y. M. C. I. BOWLING LEAGUE

The formal opening of the Y.M.C.I. Bowling league took place last night, when the Washingtons and Tigers met on the alleys, the latter team winning three of the four points. The scores were comparatively low, none of the members being able to reach the 300 mark. The score:

WASHINGTONS				
O'Neil	87	78	88	253
McGilly	73	67	73	213
Carrigan	83	77	90	250
McAffe	83	86	99	268
Linehan	86	83	80	249
Clark	81	89	85	255
Totals	493	480	515	1488
TIGERS				
Callahan	78	67	77	222
Clancy	76	78	85	239
Moynahan	90	98	74	262
Lyons	81	74	77	232
McCartin	98	92	89	279
Wedge	108	85	80	273
Totals	531	494	482	1507

Cartridge Shop League

Four games were played in the U. S. Cartridge company league. The Inspectors took three points from the Grinders, and the Bullet Dept. won three of the four points from the Finish Shell quintet. A second game between the two latter teams resulted in the Bullet Dept. winning three points. The Annealers took all four points from the Turrets. The scores:

INSPECTORS				
Toohey	100	96	88	284
Keough	96	84	98	278
Higgins	90	94	88	272
Devlin	94	89	99	282
Green	90	99	88	277
Totals	470	462	461	1393
GRINDERS				
Carty	103	107	91	301
Lamb	75	83	98	256
Murphy	84	90	91	265
Reynolds	106	92	88	288
Rourke	93	88	98	279
Totals	461	460	466	1387
BULLET DEPT.				
Campbell	97	88	91	276
Rodgers	92	96	127	315
Noel	97	95	98	290
Hickson	75	94	80	249
Kane	81	107	91	279
Totals	442	480	487	1409
FINISH SHELL				
Sweeney	87	101	89	277
Quinn	87	81	82	250
Mason	98	90	97	285
McGowan	83	87	95	265
Atkinson	92	104	94	290
Totals	444	463	457	1365
FINISH SHELL				
Shonbom	95	87	114	296
Winn	117	92	81	290
Grimshaw	81	77	87	245
Rogers	91	79	88	258
Welch	113	90	89	292
Totals	497	425	459	1381
BULLET DEPT.				
Mullane	92	105	101	298
McArdle	101	85	119	305
Mullin	89	92	100	281
Ford	93	97	98	288
Gray	106	80	100	286
Totals	481	459	518	1458
ANNEALERS				
Ireland	95	83	86	264
Flanagan	90	89	90	269
Letford	83	86	82	257
Favro	96	84	86	266
Lindquist	95	102	102	299
Totals	459	444	446	1349
TURRETS				
McMahon	79	87	71	237
Horan	89	95	91	275
Morrison	71	88	78	237
Gaudette	90	87	98	275
Higgins	94	79	79	252
Totals	423	436	417	1276

Knights of Columbus League

Two games were played in the Knights of Columbus league. The contest between the Pintas was well contested, the former winning the total by 12 pins, but succeeded in capturing three of the four points. The Balboas made a clean sweep of the points in the game with the Genoas. The scores:

PINTAS				
Maloney 1st	114	87	84	285
Jas. Donohue	82	79	98	259
Guthrie	90	81	82	253
W. Donohoe	114	100	95	309
R. O'Brien	97	95	89	281
Totals	497	442	448	1387
SAN SALVADORS				
Briggan	87	83	82	252
Nevins	97	95	94	286
Walsh	79	78	88	245
A. Rodgers	110	97	91	298
Savage	106	96	92	294
Totals	479	449	447	1375
BALBOAS				
Hanley	93	97	94	284
Mealey	75	78	78	233
Gaffney	83	95	74	252
M. Concannon	105	113	85	303
Murphy	94	89	88	271
Totals	450	471	420	1343
GENOAS				
Quinn	94	87	78	259
Hall	84	88	74	246
Keefe	80	94	84	258
Smith	69	83	82	234
Ryan	108	85	84	277
Totals	435	437	402	1274

Two teams from the Bay State cotton corporation rolled a close and exciting game on the Merrimack alleys Saturday evening. The Section Hands were victorious, but by so slight a margin that the Beam Hoisters feel certain that the next meeting of the series will blot out the defeat. Normandin was high man with 303. The score:

SECTION HANDS				
Dalton	97	78	76	251
Peterson	80	93	94	267
Robillard	96	84	89	269
Hicks	84	97	76	257
Sapho	92	107	87	286
Totals	449	459	422	1330
BEAM HOISTERS				
Mason	79	91	91	261
Delaney	86	76	79	241
Pare	73	86	102	261
O'Connor	64	85	96	245
Normandin	100	92	111	303
Totals	402	430	469	1311

NATIONAL LEAGUE TAKES UP WAR-TIME BASEBALL PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—War-time baseball problems such as salary reductions, extra taxes, shorter schedules and reduction of player limit, confronted members of the National league at their annual meeting here this afternoon. Various club owners previous to the meeting indicated that while these and other subjects would be discussed informally, no formal action would be taken until the proposed joint conference of the major league at Chicago later in the week.

Reading of reports for last year and election of officers constituted the only formal program for today's session. The league already has invited Pres. Tener and Secretary Heydler to remain in office for another term, and it is believed they will accept, although there was a recurrence of rumors that Tener would quit the league.

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETING

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—Championship tournaments of the Metropolitan Golf association, cancelled last season on account of America's entry into the war, may be restored at the annual meeting of the organization today. Many prominent golfers are said to be behind the movement to hold the title matches.

INTERNATIONAL B. B. LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—International baseball league club owners after a brief session yesterday expected today to get down to the real business that brought them together in annual meeting. Some of the owners are disposed to suspension during the war, while others are hopeful of starting with a six-team circuit.

Montreal and Richmond probably will be dropped, it was generally admitted.

Dancing School
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EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING.
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Polo —AT— Rollaway
FRIDAY NIGHT
LOWELL vs. LAWRENCE
Game Starts at 8.30.
Amateur Game at 7.45.
RESERVED SEATS IN ADVANCE

NEARER HOME

AVERAGES OF AMERICAN ROLLER POLO LEAGUE

The features of the second week of playing in the American Roller Polo league, were contributed by the Lowell and Lawrence clubs, old rivals. Lowell hopped into first place, and the down river quintet after getting away to a bad start, acquired several new men, and now present a very formidable lineup. Taunton, which led the league for a week, and which is one of the most aggressive teams in the league, was accorded poor support by the fans of that city, and consequently the owners have relinquished their franchise. Several other cities are clamoring for the franchise, and it is expected that a permanent "home" will be decided upon at the league meeting in Boston tomorrow.

The averages announced this week, which include all games up to last night show that Mulligan is leading in capturing rushes, with Oldham of Lowell second; "Jigger" Higgins of Worcester leads in goals scored, with Oldham of Lowell second and Hart and Harkins tied for third.

Blount jumped to the front among the goal tends with an average of .917, closely followed by Pence with .912 and Conley with .903, these three being the only ones over .900.

The averages:

RUSHES TAKEN BY:

Mulligan	89	Hart	15
Oldham	63	Lucey	9
Duggan	56	Alexander	8
Mulvey	37	Harkins	4
Slater	26	Higgins	3
Williams	19	Kehoe	2
O'Hearne	18	Loxon	1
Reed	18		

GOALS SCORED BY:

Higgins	31	Cameron	4
Oldham	28	Muirhead	4
Hart	21	Lucey	3
Harkins	21	Slavin	3
Duggan	18	Carrigan	3
O'Hearne	18	Alexander	3
Mulligan	17	Donnelly	3
Kehoe	13	Fredette	2
Reed	11	Trulson	2
Griffith	11	Reilly	2
Loxon	10	Freeland	2
Dufresne	10	Morrison	2
Hardy	10	Cummings	1
Slater	7	Doherty	1
Williams	5	Brown	1
Daignault	5	Asquith	1
Mulvey	4		

FOULS AGAINST:

Carrigan	4	Doherty	1
Cameron	3	Mulvey	1
Mulligan	3	Dufresne	1
Oldham	1	Loxon	1
Duggan	1	Finnell	1
Blount	1	Muirhead	1
Maxwell	1	Hart	1

GOALTENDERS' AVERAGES

	Stopped	Missed	Av.
Blount	308	28	.917
Pence	371	36	.912
Conley	363	38	.903
Mullen	389	51	.884
Waters	72	10	.878
Purcell	350	54	.866
Maxwell	194	33	.855
Chaplow	28	6	.824
Foley	21	5	.808
Gilfoyle	11	3	.786
Allard	46	15	.754

Miner-Doyle, Associate hall tonight.

THE BASKETBALL GAME

The seemingly invincible Lowell Boys' club basketball team will tackle the strong C.Y.M.L. Midgets in the Boys' club hall on Dutton street, in the near future. The Boys' club team would like to hear from teams weighing from 120 to 125 pounds, the Almiras or Mitchell Boys' school preferred. Mgr. Higgins of 241 Broadway will take care of all challenges.

ARREST MORE GERMANS
Continued

of Massachusetts supplies and forces, today was asked by the executive committee of the Halifax relief association, to remain here and help direct all activities for the week, at least. There was a report yesterday that he was preparing to return home, and when the committee heard it Ralph Bell, the secretary, was instructed to get in touch with Mr. Ratshesky and urge him to stay.

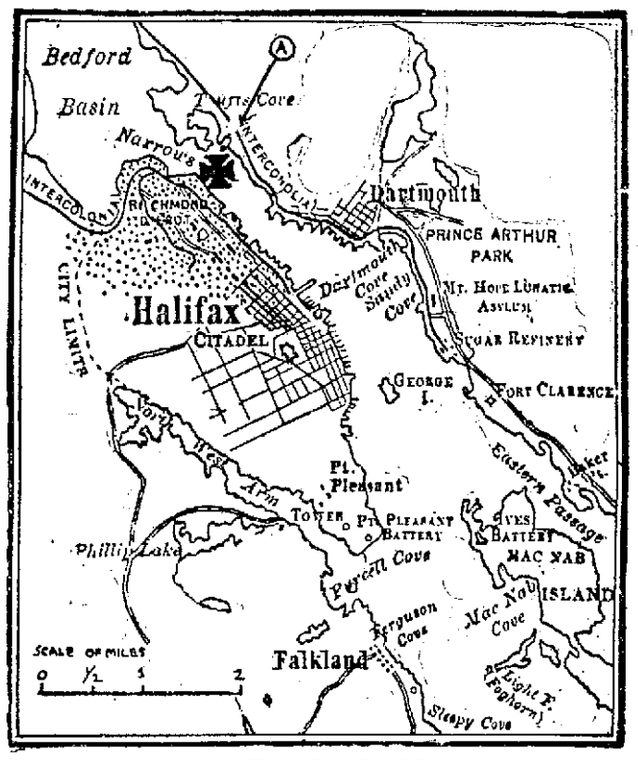
"The executive committee has heard a rumor," Mr. Bell's letter to Mr. Ratshesky said, "that you are likely to return to Boston shortly. In view of the particularly valuable services that you have already rendered and the fact that your assistance for the next few days is regarded as invaluable, we would urge that you make arrangement to stay with us for at least the balance of the week. We can assure you that your generosity and consideration of your needs in this connection will be most deeply appreciated."

How the report started, Mr. Ratshesky was unable to explain.

Because of the increasing demands upon his time, Mr. Ratshesky has commandered C. K. Howard, general agent of the Canadian government railways at Boston, as his personal representative. Mr. Howard has taken over much of the routine work and has obtained information of great value to the Massachusetts unit.

Word came from Yarmouth that the relief ship Calvin Austin would not arrive until late tonight and that Capt. Billings had forwarded by rail cans of fresh milk which might be immediately needed.

A telegram from Henry B. Endicott, executive manager of the public safety committee, announcing that the people of Massachusetts had been called upon to raise one million dollars for Halifax relief, was cheering news to local workers.



SCENE OF BLAST

This map shows the scene of the Halifax disaster. The cross indicates where the Belgian relief ship Imo collided with the French munitions ship Mont Blanc, setting the Mont Blanc on fire and causing the blast, 17 minutes later. The Imo had time to back away from the Mont Blanc before the blast and was beached near Tufts Cove. Arrow A points to a dot showing where the Imo was beached.

BEVERLY MAN LOST LIFE IN HALIFAX DISASTER

BEVERLY, Dec. 11.—One American, a resident of this city lost his life in the Halifax disaster. Word was received here today that the body of John W. Morash, an employe of the Beverly plant of the United Shoe Machinery Co., has been found in the ruins of a wrecked building.

Morash went to Halifax two weeks ago to visit his father who was critically ill. He had written to friends here that he planned to return home last Wednesday but for some reason he delayed his departure and was caught in the explosion.

U. S. HAS SENT SUFFICIENT DOCTORS AND NURSES TO DEAL WITH SITUATION AT HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—The United States already has sent sufficient doctors and nurses to deal with the situation, John F. Moors, head of the American Cross delegation announced today.

"My impression is that our country has now contributed enough trained people and supplies to make sure that everything humanly possible is done for all in distress here," he said. "Hereafter it seems to me people and supplies should be forwarded only on requisition in order that actual want should be taken care of and congestion and overlapping avoided."

Because of his wide experience gained while directing reconstruction forces in San Francisco after the earthquake and fire there Mr. Moors has been asked by the general committee to give it the benefit of his counsel at all times.

Saddest of All Disasters

"From information so far received," Mr. Moore said, "I estimate that nearly two thousand were killed and perhaps three thousand severely wounded. Having been at San Francisco, Chelsea and Salem immediately after those disasters, I am impressed by the fact that this is much the saddest I have ever seen.

"Another group of 25 doctors and 70 nurses took possession of St. Mary's college this morning, and, with vigorous assistance of United States jackies, are making what was a shattered building, with snowdrifts on the floor, like the beginning of a splendid hospital.

200 U. S. Doctors and Nurses

"Altogether within the past 24 hours more than 200 American doctors and nurses have found immediate employment. There are here now at least 300 of the very best physicians, social workers and trained nurses of the United States, each finding his place with true resourcefulness.

"Another group of 50 doctors and 50 nurses has begun a systematic house-to-house canvass of those parts of the city where wounded are still lodged in great numbers without adequate care."

New Bedford Contributes $10,000

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 11.—A check for $10,000 was sent to Robert Winsor of Boston, treasurer of the state Halifax relief fund today the contributions of New Bedford people for the relief sufferers in that city.

To Adopt Halifax Orphans

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Canadian club of this city is making plans to induce New York men and women to adopt children who lost their parents in the Halifax disaster, it was announced today by the president, Thomas D. Neelands. The club also plans to co-operate in any movement for the permanent care of orphans who cannot be brought here.

WANTED
Men to learn box making, also box nailers and Yard Help.
OTIS ALLEN & SON CO.,
266 Mt. Vernon St.

LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

Whereas, Joseph Nazaire Theller of Lowell, in said County, has presented to said Court, a petition praying that his name may be changed to that of Joseph Armand Nazaire Chretien for the reasons therein set forth:

All persons are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of December, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this first day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

d4-11-17

Under authority of Section 40, Chapter 590 of the Acts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of 1908, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 491, of the Acts of 1909 and Chapter 171 of the Acts of 1912, notice is hereby given that Book No. 62646 on The Central Savings Bank is lost; payment has been stopped and application has been made for payment of the amount.

d4-11-18

HELP WANTED

EXPERIENCED WAITRESS wanted. Hamilton Restaurant, 1 Gorham st.

CHAMBER MAID wanted. 57 Lawrence st.

KITCHEN GIRL wanted. Weston House, first street above Merrimack Square Theatre.

STOCK-FITTERS, experienced, wanted. Apply L. H. Spaulding Shoe Co., 538 Broadway.

KITCHEN MAN and fireman wanted at Hamilton Restaurant, 1 Gorham st.

SALESLADY wanted at once; one who can talk French. The Royal Store, 373 Middlesex st.

BOY wanted at M. J. Cahill's Horseshoe Shop.

GOVERNMENT WAR POSITIONS open. Clerical work. Men, women wanted. $90 month. List free. Franklin Institute, Dept 173 K, Rochester, N. Y.

CIVIL SERVICE—Quick and thorough preparation for all government examinations, railway mail, and positions at Washington, charges $3, no extras. Why pay more? Federal Service Institute, Washington, D. C.

WOOLEN MILL HELP.
Wanted at once. Pleasant surroundings, attractive houses for family of workers at low rent. Talbot Mills, North Billerica.

LOST AND FOUND

SUM OF MONEY lost in the Harrisonia or between there and corner of Central and Middlesex sts. Please return to 815 Chelmsford st. Reward.

GRAY POCKETBOOK containing pay envelopes lost between Merrimack square and West Third st. Reward. Write N-22, Sun Office.

BILL FOLDER and check-book lost, with owner's name inside. Return to 314 Mammoth road. Reward. Tel. 2137.

BUNCH OF KEYS lost Friday, on ring; identification tag attached. Reward if returned to Barlow's market.

SUM OF MONEY lost Saturday afternoon; $5 and $10 bills, in Appleton bank money bag, in North Chelmsford, between Moore's mills and Adams st., via Lewfield st. Reward at E. P. De La Haye, Adams st., No. Chelmsford.

BALL OF GRAY YARN and unfinished stocking with four needles lost in front of Keith's theatre, Friday evening. Return to Bon Marche Millinery Dept.

SMALL POCKETBOOK containing money, stamps, etc., lost between Merrimack mills and Merrimack sq., by a young girl. Liberal reward upon returning to N 47, Sun Office.

SMALL SUM OF MONEY found on Appleton st. Owner can have same by paying for this ad and proving property. Call at 237 Gorham st.

TO LET

SUNNY 4-ROOM TENEMENT to let; Coburn court, Pawtucketville; $1.25 per week. Inquire Mr. Lemarre, 10 Clinton ave.

STORE to let; large, bright, few minutes walk from Cartridge shop; rent cheap; good location for variety, shoe repairing or tailor shop; 482 Lawrence st. Inquire rear door, 67 Merrill st.

STEAM HEATED ROOMS to let; also rooms for light housekeeping. 57 Lawrence st.

UPPER 5-ROOM FLAT to let, with attic and bath. Hot and cold water and gas, 48 Franklin st. $3 per week. Tel. 3613-M.

8-ROOM HOUSE to let on Bowden st.; handy to cars; rent $13. D. F. Leary, Hildreth Bldg.

FURNISHED ROOM to let at 16 Fernald st., heat, hot water, use of telephone. 3712-M.

LARGE HOUSE situated on corner of Dunbar avenue and Boulevard, nice location, all modern improvements. Always someone to show house.

2-ROOMS, KITCHENETTE, to let, furnished; electric light, gas, heat, 3 minutes' walk from square. Inquire 18 Fourth st.

SPECIAL NOTICES

THE RACKET STORE—Everything in the line of Christmas presents for both young and old. Toys for the children, also all kinds of articles for the house, at prices that will satisfy every customer. We have a full line of china, glass, crockery, knives, forks, pots, pans, kettles, hardware, brooms, curtains, lamps and anything you can think of in the line of knickknacks at lowest prices. Call and be convinced. The Racket Store, 423 Central st. George Abdijian, Prop.

WEATHERSTRIPS for three days at half price to introduce same. Tel. 5358-W. Weaver, 544 Wilder st.

WANTED

LARGE FURNISHED ROOM desired by couple, or rooms with modern improvements. State rates, etc. Write Q 22.

YOUNG GIRL, 14 or over, wanted in a good Catholic home to be companion of another girl. Apply 864 Bridge st., after 6 p. m.

FURNISHED FLAT or house, with or without heat, wanted, for three months; 5 rooms at least. J. L. Prescott, 20 Middle st.

MORTGAGE WANTED
I desire to secure a mortgage for $4000 for two or three years, on my 80-acre farm, located ¾ mile from Westford Center. Farm contains 41 set of buildings; fine orchard of 350 fruit trees. Address H. S. B., 54 Bowen ave., Medford, Mass., or telephone after 6 p. m., Med. 85-W.

BOOTS AND SHOES

REMOVAL SALE—Biggest shoe bargains in Lowell. Entire stock of men's, women's and children's boots and shoes. See John Press, formerly 338A Middlesex st., now at new store 600 Middlesex st.

CHINESE RESTAURANT

CHIN LEE CO.—Chop suey. American food. Nicest place in the city. Open from 11 a. m. to 1 a. m. 66 Merrimack st.

CLAIRVOYANT

MADAM MAY will give readings at 53 John street, up one flight, room 3.

CONTRACTORS—BUILDERS

CONTRACTOR and builder, Arthur F. Babcour, residence 984 Bridge st. Res. phone 5042-M; shop 1316.

CHIMNEY EXPERTS

LIMBURG CO.—Chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1128 Bridge st. Tel.

DRESSMAKING

DRESS AND SUIT MAKING; latest styles; satisfaction assured. Mrs. A. E. Scraggs, 9-10 Central Block.

DENTIST

T. E. MARR, D.M.D., 508 Sun bldg. Hrs. 9 to 12; 1 to 5. Mon.Fri.Sat.eves. Tel. 5639

ELECTRIC SHOP

GLORIA INVERTED GAS LIGHTS, $1.16. Regular price $1.75. Electric Shop, 52 Central st., 261 Dutton st. Tel. 1317-W.

FURS REPAIRED

Furs cleaned, repaired and remodeled. Work guaranteed satisfactory. Mrs. A. E. Scraggs, 9-10 Central Block.

FURNITURE

HOUSEHOLD GOODS, stoves, beds, mattresses, rugs. New goods. Cash or credit. Fitch, 160 Middlesex st.

FLORIST

KENNY, FLORIST—Flowers that satisfy, for funerals, designs, decorations, etc. 31 Middle st. Tel. 5378.

GROCERIES

ITALIAN GROCERIES—Imported olive oil, macaroni and cooked spaghetti, also candy and fruit. Joe and Susie Carpenito, 152 Gorham st.

HATTERS

FUR CAPS RENOVATED—Have a Deloreme hat for a change; the change will do you good. Sun building.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

JOHN A. OSGOOD, Merrimack, cor. Suffolk st. Appointments can be made by telephone. Tel. 8723.

LICENSED AND BONDED WAREHOUSEMAN

STORAGE for furniture at reasonable rates; separate rooms, dry and clean. J. H. MacDonald, 256 Hildreth st.

OPTOMETRIST

CHAS. F. McGRATH, 271 Gorham st. Eyes carefully examined and properly fitted without use of drugs. Lenses matched from broken pieces. Repairing promptly done.

PIANO TUNERS

J. KERSHAW, piano and organ tuned and repaired. 60 Humphrey st. Tel. 974-M.

ROOFERS

ROOFERS—J. Burns & Son, slate roofers. Roofs repaired. Tel. 3282-W. 166 Concord st. Tel. 1459-J, 200 Pleasant st.

STOVE REPAIRS

T. F. DALY, 213 Dutton st. Expert stove repairing. Grates, linings, etc., for sale. Our work guaranteed. Dealer in second hand furniture.

QUINN STOVE REPAIR CO., 148 Gorham st., carries in stock linings, grates, water fronts, and other parts to fit all stoves and ranges. Work promptly attended to. Tel. 4170.

SALVARSAN "606"
Given at Dr. Dugdale's Lowell office for BLOOD POISON, LOCOMOTOR ATAXIA and SKIN DISEASES. Blood tests made. Also treats diseases of the eye, ear, nose, throat, stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels.
RHEUMATISM, neuralgia, neuritis, lumbago, sciatica, RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, gout, catarrh and epilepsy. CANCERS, TUMORS, chronic blood and nervous diseases of men and women, hydrocele, varicocele, stricture, piles, fistula, fissures, ulcers and prostatic diseases WITHOUT THE KNIFE. Investigate my methods of treatment. CHARGES REASONABLE. Lowell office, 97 Central street. Hours, Wednesday and Saturday 2-4, 7-8. Consultation. Examination. Advice FREE.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

COTTAGE HOUSE of 8 rooms and garage for sale; near upper Gorham st.; handy to cars; dandy bargain; $1325. D. F. Leary, Hildreth Bldg.

8-ROOM HOUSE for sale, near Sacred Heart church; slate rof, bath, steam heat, hot and cold water; all hardwood floors; cement cellar; price $3000; easy terms. D. F. Leary, Hildreth Bldg.

1 TWO TENEMENT HOUSE, slate roof, 1 two tenement house, 1 four tenement house, 1 barn and carriage house; also lot of land 60 ftx100 ft., now paying 12½% with room to put up two new houses, for sale. For price and particulars inquire of H. D. Bowler, 211 Merrimack st., in Geo. E. Hutchins' Rubber Store.

TWO TENEMENT HOUSE with a large lot of land for sale; Rogers st. near Nesmith; this is one of the best locations in Belvidere; low price for a quick sale. Daniel J. O'Brien, 302 Wyman's Exchange.

FOR SALE

READY-TO-WEAR MERCHANDISE, Ladies', for sale, as owner is going out of business; also fixtures for sale; must be sold at once. Call 123 Gorham st.

A TWO-HORSE SLED for sale, price $40. Inquire A. A. Brown, 78 Inland st, Lowell. Tel. 2320.

NICE UPRIGHT PIANO for sale cheap at 704 Bridge st.

100 WHITE CHESTER PIGS for sale; price low for 10 or more. Tyngsboro car, second house beyond first fare limit. H. F. Cady.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

Southern Division To Boston Lve.	Arr.	Fr. Boston Lve.	Arr.	Portland Division To Boston Lve.	Arr.	Fr. Boston Lve.	Arr.
5.38	6.50	2.35	3.38	6.35	7.38	10.50	11.58
6.25	7.26	6.00	7.03	10.38	12.07	3.29	4.41
6.47	7.30	z6.35	8.01	pm5.14	8.42	5.14	6.12
b6.38	7.33	7.35	8.26	7.07	8.18	7.00	8.13
8.57	8.00	nb8.21	9.34	9.50	11.00	9.59	11.32
7.22	8.43	9.00	9.39				
7.56	8.37	9.30	10.09				
9.01	9.42	11.30	12.09				
9.48	10.37	12.30	1.09				
10.19	11.15	h1.05	1.58				
11.06	11.48	2.15	3.10				
12.15	1.06	3.00	3.51				
1.13	2.35	03.44	5.00				
2.45	3.41	4.00	4.39				
b3.30	4.10	5.00	5.39				
3.56	4.38	b5.21	6.37				
4.15	5.26	5.33	6.30				
5.31	6.31	b5.51	7.10				
b6.03	7.16	6.14	7.23				
6.22	7.05	8.00	8.38				
8.15	8.57	8.30	9.08				
9.45	10.31	10.30	11.37				
		11.40	12.46				

Sunday Trains Portland Division			
12.07	1.16	3.30	4.45
3.40	4.45	5.14	6.43
5.45	7.05	8.45	9.53
8.35	10.04		

Sunday Trains Southern Division			
6.47	7.30	8.45	9.47
7.23	8.05	9.30	10.09
8.26	9.35	11.30	12.09
9.19	10.12	1.00	1.59
10.29	11.17	3.30	5.21
2.52	3.35	7.15	8.20
5.16	6.00	8.00	8.38
6.28	7.16	8.30	9.08
8.15	8.57	9.20	10.25
8.45	9.53	10.35	11.44
9.45	10.40		

b via Bedford; a via Salem jct. z via Wilmington jct. n not holidays. h Sat. only.

The local evening newspaper is the paper that reaches the home when the whole family is there to read it. The Sun fills this field in Lowell.

ITALIANS BORE UNDER MOUNTAIN TO BATTLE FOES

The lower picture shows Italian infantrymen starting through a tunnel which they have bored under an Alpine peak, allowing them to come out on the other side and take the German advance lines by surprise in their rear. They caught the enemy unawares in this rally and inflicted a severe loss. The Italians are shown with bayonets fixed to finish the foe.

ITALIAN DIVISION CUT TO PIECES

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 11.—(By The Associated Press)—A visit today to the headquarters of a major general commanding a division of heroic Alpini and Bersaglieri disclosed the story of the manner in which this division held the heights back of the Asiago plateau until it was cut to pieces and the remnant was compelled to fall back to its present new line. The general is now engaged in re-forming his shattered forces which were seen in long lines along the roads preparing to go back into the fight.

A major of the general's staff who toward the close of the fight collected the remaining men of the division and led them in the final charges until the order for retirement came, gave a first hand description of the struggle. He said there were three Bersaglieri regiments, some Alpine battalions and one infantry regiment in the division in addition to the usual quota of batteries of field and middle calibre guns. These were ranged back of Asiago when the enemy's drive reached its maximum intensity last Wednesday. For 24 hours one Bersaglieri regiment had held Monte Tondarecar until its platoons had been reduced from thirty men to six. It was then that the battalions of Alpini were sent to their relief.

Stabbed to Death

The Alpini fought their way up the hill, gaining the summit against heavy odds, only to find their comrades cut to pieces. Most of them were lying dead from stab wounds. Now the Alpini battalions found themselves in the centre of a concentration of enemy forces which carried back and forth in the fury of the fighting along the slopes. Others remained on the summit with the enemy surrounding them.

At 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning the colonel of these battalions sent his last report to the general. It said laconically: "The enemy is on all sides and I am about to charge." That was the last which was ever heard of him or of any of his men.

The enveloping enemy masses grew denser, and the gallant Alpini band which had gone to rescue the Bersaglieri was wiped out of existence.

The fighting continued along other points of the line until the forces were decimated and it became clear that the enemy greatly outnumbered the Italians. The general himself who was directing operations from a point just back of the line narrowly escaped a shrapnel shell which burst near his automobile. It was then that the major who recounted those events gathered the remnant of the division and fought out the remainder of the day until the new Italian lines of defense were formed across the Franzella and Gadena passes leading to the Brenta valley and the plain. It is here the lines are now resting, with good prospects of holding.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS BARRED FROM DRINKING LIQUORS IN UNITED STATES

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—Orders have been issued by Maj. E. A. Wilson, general officer commanding, debarring any Canadian officer or soldier in uniform from drinking intoxicating liquors in places of public refreshment in the United States.

Carrier Pigeon With Message in German Captured at Halifax Today

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—The capture of a carrier pigeon, under whose wing was a message in German, was reported to the police today. The pigeon, probably wounded, in the explosion Thursday, entered the window of a home near the burned area. Its number was "New York No. 29."

The pigeon was delivered to the chief of police of Dartmouth who declined to make any statement pending the delivery of the message to the military authorities.

The woman who captured it said the bird was suffering intensely from the cold and seemed to have come in for shelter.

A market scene in Jerusalem just inside the Joffa gate. Here vendors of all sorts, men and women Mohammedan, Jew and Christian, sell everything from singing birds to camels. Jerusalem's famous clock tower is in the distance.

VALUE OF CROPS HIGHEST IN HISTORY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Many crops this year exceed the production of other years, while the value of the country's farm products, with a total estimated unofficially at $21,000,000,000 far exceeds any other year in history. Final estimates of production of the principal farm crops were announced today by the department of agriculture. The production estimates are:

Corn, 3,159,494,000.
Winter wheat, 418,070,000.
Spring wheat, 232,758,000.
All wheat, 650,828,000.
Oats, 1,587,286,000.
Barley, 208,975,000.
Rye, 60,145,000.
Buckwheat, 17,460,000.

SAVE $10 ON YOUR WINTER OVERCOAT

On sale this week, Shuman made, all wool suits and overcoats, worth up to $30, at $20—never again a Shuman garment at this price—better get in this week. Merrimack Clothing Co., across from City Hall.

MR. HERRICK EXPLAINS THRIFT STAMPS

R. F. Herrick, representing the United States treasury department at Washington, D. C., was in Lowell today to discuss and elucidate the various details connected with the thrift stamps and war savings certificates the latest loan of the government in connection with the war. Mr. Herrick spent the early part of his visit in discussing the new loan personally with the bankers of the city and late this afternoon a general meeting of the banking and business men of the city was called at the board of trade rooms in Central street where Mr. Herrick took up the subject of the loan in its various phases.

TENER'S ULTIMATUM TO NATIONAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—In a special statement issued just prior to the opening of the National league meeting here today, President John K. Tener placed what is considered to be an ultimatum before the club owners in the senior baseball organization. It appears to have a bearing upon the controversy arising over the date for the joint meeting of the National and American leagues appointed for Thursday in Chicago.

He said:

"A month or two ago, a committee of National league club owners waited upon me and asked me if I would remain with the league and I took the matter under consideration, explaining that I was accepting a business opportunity. If I remain with the league I would want my time to be my own. At the meeting of the league today, the club owners must decide whether they want their president to be active or inactive.

"The term of service or salary is absolutely immaterial to me. I am particularly anxious to do that which is best for the interests of the National league."

President Tener explained that he had been elected president of the permanent highways corporation of New York, and in that position his time would be his own.

SOLDIERS HONORED

Charles Longtin, a member of the Middlesex club, and his chum, Willard Clark, who went to Fort Slocum Monday morning were tendered a reception at the club's headquarters, Sunday, and Mr. Longtin was presented a soldier's kit, wrist watch and fountain pen. He was employed in Joe Gardner's department at the Cartridge shop and more than 100 of his coworkers were present at the reception and presentation. Mr. Thomas Joncas presided at the post prandial exercises and there were remarks by Mr. Lord and others. Music was furnished by the Highland orchestra and the entertainment included songs by Messrs. Frank Carroll and Frank O'Brien.

Grimes

Information wanted of Patrick Grimes or his relatives. He was a peddler in Lowell and neighboring cities 25 years ago. Address Nelson H. Tunnicliff, 26 Liberty St., New York City.

Saunders' Market

BALLARD'S MILLS

Fresh Made Stock Just In

Buckwheat SELF-RAISING—Package **14c**

Pancake SELF-RAISING—Package .....

VERY BEST PURE CANE SYRUP, Jar.....20c

BUTTERINE U. S. A. Gov't Inspection Note this price, Lb. 22c Cheaper than compound lard

25c Package PURITY OATS.....20c

CHICKENS Regular 35c pound value. Weigh 4 to 5 pounds each. This is biggest value in food today. Lb. 27c

"Gold Medal" Bread Flour Quantity Limited—24½ Lb. Bag.....$1.69

15c CAN NEW PACK TOMATOES.....
15c CAN NEW PACK SUGAR CORN..... **11c**
15c CAN EARLY JUNE PEAS—Can.....

Cut-Up Chicken, ready to fry, lb.....25c

20-Mule Team Borax, pkg.....10c

20-Mule Team Borax Chips, large pkg.....21c

16c Bottle Tomato Ketchup.....11c

Armour's Star Hams, about 10 lbs. each.....33c

Legs of Lamb, lb.....20c | Veal Steak, lb.....22c

Lamb Chops, lb.....23c | 98 lb. bag Pastry Flour $6.00

SWEET COCOA New Process—You Don't Need Sugar, Can..... 23c

MACARONI or SPAGHETTI, Pkg.....10c

Salt Pork THICK, HEAVY BEAN, Lb. **25c**

BEST PEARL TAPIOCA—1 Lb. Linen Bag.....10c

EGGS—Fancy Western. Dozen..... 32c | BUTTER—Special Price, Pound..... 42c

Sweet Oranges, doz.....10c | Empress Grapes, lb.....9c

PORTO RICO GRAPEFRUIT—A rare bargain.....3 for 10c

Dr. Johnson's "EDUCATOR" Sweet Crackers, pkg.....10c

COFFEE—Fresh Roasted, lb..... 17c | TEA—Mixed or Oolong, Lb..... 30c

Tenderloin Steak Fresh, Not Frozen. Lb. 20c

CARROTS, ONIONS OR BEETS—3 Lbs..... 10c | POTATOES, 15 lbs.....33c
YELLOW TURNIPS, 3 lbs. 5c
PARSNIPS, pk.....5c

This Popular Christmas Gift

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The Electric Iron

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For the Stay-at-Home—for the regular weekly wash—

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THE LOWELL ELECTRIC LIGHT CORP.

29-31 MARKET ST.

WAR

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The American business man is inspired courage and confidence, as you should be.

The United States has suffered little or no depression since our own declaration of war—a gigantic monument to the courage and wisdom of American business men.

Our position now is not unlike that of Japan's at the outbreak of the war. Japan has since far surpassed her wildest dreams both financially and commercially.

A nation's wealth comes out of the ground—mining operations in the United States have never before been conducted on so vast a scale. Farmers are planting the largest acreage in the country's history and are receiving enormous prices for their products.

Factories throughout the country are being operated at forced speed.

Steel companies, usually taken as a barometer of trade conditions, have orders on hand that will require nearly two years to fill.

Europe looks to us to feed her and supply her other urgent needs.

Our government is ordering guns, ammunition, ships, food and clothing to the tune of millions.

Uncle Sam is already the money centre of the world and is quite apt to stay so.

CONSULT YOUR COMMON SENSE REGARDING THE SITUATION, NOT YOUR NERVES. ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND WITH THREE CHEERS FOR "OLD GLORY," GET BUSY—AND BUY

DIAMONDS

AS THEY ARE ONE OF THE BEST AND SAFTEST INVESTMENTS OF THE DAY
THE GIFT OF GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Owing to the large increase of sales and lack of room at our present location, we have made arrangements with A. W. Dows Co., druggists, for the use of one of their beautiful show windows for the holiday season, showing a complete line of high grade Jewelry at reasonable prices. A clerk inside will be pleased to show you any article in this window without any obligation to purchase.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS

Solid Gold Pendant and Chain With Genuine Full Cut Diamond At $5.00

MY BUSINESS IS DIAMONDS

Goods Selected Now Will Be Held For Christmas

EDWARD W. FREEMAN

JEWELER

39 Bridge Street SPECIALIST ON DIAMONDS Next Door to Keith's

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Wednesday; continued cold; moderate west winds.

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7 O'CLOCK

ESTABLISHED 1878 | LOWELL MASS. TUESDAY DECEMBER 11 1917 | PRICE ONE CENT

To Jail All Food Profiteers

LICENSE BIG ISSUE IN TODAY'S ELECTION

A crisp, winterish sort of a day greeted the voters of Lowell this morning upon the occasion of the annual city election. There was a sharp tinge, almost a bite, in the air and in places the walking was far from safe. However, the excellent conditions overhead, the interest aroused at the close of the campaign in the license issue, especially, and the preponderance of automobiles to carry lukewarm citizens to the polls combined to make the vote a normal one up to noon, at any rate, and when the final returns are in it may be found that the vote was much nearer the 16,000 limit, which represents the total number of registered male voters in the city, than was anticipated.

How is it coming out? Well, the various candidates were coming along strong in their own wards, of course, and in the others it was virtually a toss-up during the early part of the day.

The license vote was not especially inclined either way although it was admitted by most of the precinct officers that the "no" forces were coming out in much greater numbers than is usually the case. To combat this, those on the affirmative side of the fence marshaled their forces also and one can only "sit and wait" until the returns are made known this evening before a victory can be proclaimed on either side.

The polls opened at 6 o'clock this morning and the closing hour was scheduled for 4 o'clock this afternoon. Many of the voters employed in the mills and other places where it is necessary for them to be on the job early in the morning cast their votes on the way to work but only those who had to be out ventured to the booths during the early hours. It was too cold. As the morning wore on, however, and it became warmer the polling booths began to present a "do-something" appearance. From 12.30 to 1 o'clock the activity was at its height.

There were automobiles galore on the streets today. It seemed that every possible make of a machine was represented. Just how many were out it is impossible to state. Most of the candidates had a number of cars working for them to carry aged or infirm voters to the "little red buildings" and the "yes" and "no" people on the license issue both resorted to powerful gasoline concoctions.

In the school committee fight the women of the city—those who were registered—had an opportunity to vote and a visitor about the various precincts found the "dear girls" coming out in goodly numbers to exercise the sacred right of the franchise.

Today's ballot is about as simple as one could be. All told there are but 10 names on it, besides the license question. As the polls close at 4 o'clock it should be an easy matter for the precinct officials to have the entire vote counted by 6.30 or 7 at the latest. The Sun will publish an extra this evening, giving the complete results of the day's contests. It should be on the street by 7 o'clock.

The result of today's election will decide who is to be Lowell's mayor for the years 1918 and 1919. Dr. Rodrigue Mignault and Perry D. Thompson were the contesting gentlemen. Two commissioners for the municipal council whose terms of office will also extend over the years mentioned above are to be chosen. The four candidates were James E. Donnelly, James F. Miskella, Charles J. Morse and Newell F. Putnam. The four candidates for the school committee were Henry V. Charbonneau, Michael F. O'Brien, Jr., Dr. William R. Thompson and Richard Brabrook Walsh.

Heavy German Reinforcements Have Arrived in France

Kaiser Plans New Blow on Western Front—British Positions Bombarded—Lull on Italian Front—Official Entry Into Jerusalem—Fighting in Russia

Heavy German reinforcements have arrived in France, it is believed in allied capitals, but where the expected blow will fall is yet to be disclosed. For the moment the infantry is inactive along the western front, but the artillery and especially that of the Germans is very active in various sectors.

British Positions Bombarded

On the British front the Germans are bombarding heavily the positions southwest of Cambrai and east and northeast of Ypres, the two sectors which have seen virtually all of the heavy fighting in the past few months. From St. Quentin to the Swiss border Paris reports great enemy artillery activity between the Oise and the Aisne in the Champagne northeast of Verdun and in upper Alsace. The British and French cannon are replying in kind against the German positions.

Whether the heavy German artillery fire means that the enemy is attempting to find a weak point or is for the purpose of drawing allied attention to one spot while the troops from the Russian front are massed for a strong effort elsewhere can only be conjectured. Strong local German attacks on the right bank of the Meuse northeast of Verdun have been repulsed by the French who took prisoners.

Invaders' Efforts Fail in Italy

Infantry fighting has stopped momentarily at least on the Italian front from Asiago to the Piave river. The Austro-German effort to break through between the Piave and the Brenta failed with losses. The enemy then re-formed his shattered forces and attempted to break through between Asiago and the Piave. He failed again. The Austro-Germans captured some terrain at heavy cost without

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THIRTEEN NEGRO SOLDIERS HANGED IN TEXAS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 11.—Thirteen of the negroes of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, U.S.A., found guilty of complicity in the riot and mutiny at Houston on Aug. 23, were hanged on the military reservation at Fort Sam Houston at 7.17 o'clock this morning. Announcement of the carrying out of the sentence was made at headquarters of the southern department at 9 a. m.

Only army officers and Sheriff John Tobin of Bexar county were present when the sentence was carried out by soldiers from the post. No civilian spectators were allowed, the time and place of execution having been kept a secret.

Of the 63 men tried by the court martial, forty-one were sentenced to life imprisonment. One man was sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and to be confined at hard labor for two and a half years. Five were acquitted. The soldiers who paid the death penalty were:

Sergt. William C. Nesbitt, Corporals Larson J. Brown, James Wheatley, Jesse Moore and Charles W. Baltimore; Privates William Brackenridge, Thomas C. Hawkins, Carlos Snodgrass, Ira B. Davis, James Divine, Frank Johnson, Wesley Young and Pat MacWhorter.

POLICE OFFICER CALLED IN MURDER TRIAL

DEDHAM, Dec. 11.—Details of the investigation of the shooting of Mrs. Pauline A. Keyes at her home in Brookline and of the arrest of Miss Harriet A. Varney at West Upton in this connection, were told today by H. Allen Rutherford, sergeant of the Brookline police, in his testimony at the trial of Miss Varney on a charge of murder. Rutherford described the finding of a bullet hole in the panel of the Keyes dining room, and of the later discovery of a bullet behind the panel. He also declared that bullets in an automatic pistol found by him in a trunk in the house were different from those fired from the revolver that killed Mrs. Keyes. The witness identified clothing worn by Miss Varney on the night of her arrest.

Before the examination of Rutherford, Dr. George B. Magrath, medical examiner of Suffolk county, called into the case as an expert, reiterated his testimony of yesterday that a bullet wound behind the ear would stun the victim. Testimony of Parker B. Morris, counsel for George H. Keyes, brought out only that he had given Keyes advice after the murder, although the latter in court waived any rights he might have by reason of the relations of counsel and client.

Dist. Atty. Katzmann read into the record over the objection of the defense a stenographic report of his interview with Miss Varney on the night of her arrest. In answer to questions by the district attorney, according to the stenographer's notes, Miss Varney told of taking a train from North Grafton at 9.16 a. m., on June 19, reading a paper while waiting in the Back Bay station in Boston until 11.30. She said she spoke to no one and saw no one there whom she knew. From there she went to the Public garden, where she met Keyes, got his advice on the hospital position she was about to take and then went to lunch with him. She said she ate a part of a large order which was served her. Witnesses at the trial had stated that she ate but little.

RAILROADS WAR BOARD TO SEE PRES. WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The railroads war board today asked President Wilson to receive its members for a conference, which was arranged for Wednesday afternoon.

Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the board, said today:

"The railroads war board has asked the president for an appointment. We are advised that we will be received tomorrow. Our consistent effort has been to be of service to the nation in time of war, and we hope that we may be able to be of assistance to the president in respect of any action he may contemplate."

REPORT AMENDMENT FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The constitutional amendment for nationwide woman suffrage was reported without recommendation today by the house judiciary committee.

The judiciary committee amended the suffrage resolution to provide that the amendment dies unless it is ratified by the states within seven years from the time of its adoption in congress. This is the same provision that the committee included in the prohibition amendment. The suffrage resolution has not been voted on in either house but it is on the senate calendar.

GERMAN TRAINS BLOWN UP—HUNDREDS KILLED

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The correspondent at Amsterdam of the Daily Express reports that the Germans are rushing troops to the western front with the idea of smashing the entente allies before America is able to act, and adds:

"One of the results of this is that two German munitions trains collided on Thursday. Both were blown up and several hundred soldiers killed or wounded."

The Sun is read daily in more homes in Lowell than any other newspaper.

ARREST MORE GERMANS AT HALIFAX TODAY

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—The snow storm which hampered the relief workers yesterday was of short duration, and last night was clear and cold. As the snow which fell was near enough to rain to be well saturated, a hard crust had formed today, further interfering with traffic problems and with the work of clearing away the ruins of wrecked buildings.

All activities, however, are now on a systematic basis and Halifax men joined today with men from other parts of Canada and from cities in the United States in making further progress toward bringing back more normal conditions. The refusal to admit curiosity seekers to the city already has resulted in a noticeable lessening of the congestion which was threatening a serious impediment to the care of the injured, the feeding and housing of the homeless and the reconstruction of the devastated district.

Hundreds of men were busy today about the less badly damaged buildings. The chief task here was to replace broken windows and doors and to repair roofs torn open by pieces of flying wreckage in the explosion last Thursday. The supplies of window glass sent here from other cities proved particularly useful, and a party of skilled glaziers from Boston assisted in replacing the thousands of shattered panes.

For all concerned last night was the most restful since the explosion. The sinking of the munitions steamer Picton yesterday with the subsequent official assurance that there were no more explosive-laden vessels in the harbor, drove away fears of further possible disaster and permitted residents and relief workers to sleep in peace.

Another Snow Storm

The weather early today was the coldest of the winter with an unofficial thermometer reading of 2 degrees above zero. The ground was a solid frozen mass and there was every promise of an ideal winter day.

But at 11 o'clock after the wind had shifted from the north, there was a light fall of snow, a half an hour later the sun appeared.

It was characteristic Halifax weather.

Two Toronto relief workers were compiling careful lists of all unidentified bodies and are seeing that those unclaimed are prepared for burial.

Mass funerals will be held in the local cemeteries for some weeks to come.

Arrests of German residents were continued throughout last night and today.

Troops patrolling the ruined area have been ordered to use every effort to prevent looting.

URGE MASS. RELIEF HEAD TO STAY AT HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—A. C. Batshesky, a Boston banker in charge

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Senate Orders Inquiry Into Causes for Shortage of Sugar and Coal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Inquiry by a senate committee into the causes for the shortage of sugar and coal, with a view of recommending legislation to improve the situation, was ordered by the senate today on motion of Senator Lodge.

TO PUT FOOD PROFITEERS BEHIND THE BARS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Charges by Food Administrator Hoover that some dishonest wholesale and retail merchants and food brokers have been criminally responsible for food shortages and rising prices were taken under investigation today by the federal trade commission. Victor Murdock will be in charge of the inquiry.

Speculation in foods was declared today in a statement by Commissioner Murdock to have far-reaching results in causing unrest. Unprincipled brokers and dealers are said to order goods beyond their requirements on a rising market, believing they can make money if prices continue to go up and can at least prevent loss by rejecting the shipment.

"I am going to prosecute this investigation to the limit and bring any violators to the sternest payment of justice," said Commissioner Murdock. "Such pernicious business practices, which not the men who follow them a little extra blood money, must be stamped out at the start and kept stamped out. I am going to give my entire time to this job if it is necessary to get results and put some of these unpatriotic camp followers and war leeches behind bars where they rightly belong.

"In this investigation I would like every citizen to consider himself specifically delegated by me to furnish any information which might be helpful in running down the type of food profiteers we are after."

TO PROBE OPERATIONS OF WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A general inquiry into the operations of the war department in arming and equipping the American forces was decided upon today by the senate military affairs committee. Secretary Baker and other department heads will be called to explain various features of war activities.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the committee, announced it would probably cover a wide range. Questions of shortages of clothing for the National army, health, deficiencies in rifles and field ordnance and army contracts, he said, would be inquired into.

"The purpose of the committee is not to criticise but to secure information," said Senator Chamberlain. "There have been some complaints, covering many army matters and we desire to look into them particularly regarding shortage of clothing, ordnance and other equipment."

REDUCTION OF MILLION BALES IN COTTON CROP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Reduction of more than a million bales in the cotton crop of the country from the last estimate made was shown in the final estimate of production issued today by the department of agriculture.

N. H. HEALTH INSPECTOR

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 11.—Joseph G. Duval of Manchester was today appointed inspector for the state board of health to succeed Wallace F. Purrington of Concord resigned to enter the government service.

SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A feature of the 49th annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association which will open tomorrow is a series of conferences between state delegations and their senators and representatives. The women from each state have asked their senior senator to hold a hearing in his office at which they can meet their entire congressional delegation and present their arguments for the passage of the suffrage amendment pending in congress.

Rhode Island suffragists planned to confer with their congressmen today.

UNION CHURCH SERVICE AS WAR MEASURE

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—Union services of churches of various denominations as a war measure, to increase efficiency, conserve fuel and release trained men needed for religious and social service at the front are recommended in resolutions adopted by the Home Missions council of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches and forwarded today to church officials throughout the state. The council suggests that churches in different neighborhoods combine their meetings either for the duration of the war or, if considered more practicable, simply for the winter.

N. H. STATE GRANGE

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 11.—The New Hampshire state Grange met here today in the first session of the annual gathering covering three days. Secretary George R. Drake reported a present membership in the state of 28,514, of whom 15,490 are women. There has been a loss of 412 members in the past year.

ACTIVITY ON WESTERN FRONT

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Unusually active artillery fighting and aerial operations on the western front yesterday are reported in today's official communication. This activity was particularly noteworthy on the Ypres and Arras fronts.

WESTERN UNION DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Western Union Telegraph Co. today declared an extra dividend of one per cent, together with the regular quarterly disbursement of 1½ per cent.

Walter Davis Donkey Club, tonight.

MEXICAN TOWN CAPTURED

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 11.—It is reported here that Mexican forces headed by Gutierrez, an independent leader, have captured Monclova, Mex. Wire communication with that place has been cut and train service discontinued.

Later reports received declared that Villa forces captured Monclova. Monclova is 148 miles from Eagle Pass.

Meagre reports of trouble at Allende, 28 miles from here also were received today.

LLOYD GEORGE IN DANGER

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Daily Express features in its biggest type what it describes as "Lloyd George's danger." It represents the premier's position as threatened by the growing strength of his enemies in the house of commons, adding:

"Parliament is weary and worn out, and the last rags of its representative character have dropped away. The war has driven a plowed dyke across all the old boundaries and cut broad deep, new furrows of public opinion and policy. The pacifists seem to be growing in numbers. Time is wearing away the loyalty of the liberal Lloyd Georgeites. It only requires an occasion and an old parliamentary hand to throw down the government."

The Express urges a speedy appeal to the country. It exhorts the premier to realize his danger in time, to come forward and lead the masses against the pacifists and ineffectives. It expresses confidence that he would be victorious, obtaining a decisive mandate and a long period of unquestioned power.

The Tory Post and the radical Daily News made vehement attacks on Lloyd George last week on the occasion of the anniversary of his premiership, declaring he had lost the confidence of the public.

TO VOTE ON PROHIBITION THIS MONTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Report on the prohibition constitutional amendment in time for the house to vote on the question between Dec. 17 and 20, was indicated today when the house judiciary committee met to consider national prohibition and woman's suffrage. Leaders intimated that the suffrage amendment might be held up in committee until after the Christmas holidays although strong efforts to induce action immediately is expected from suffrage supporters.

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Physicians' Meeting
ALDERMANIC CHAMBER, CITY HALL
Friday, Dec. 14, 4 P.M.
All physicians of Lowell and surrounding towns invited to attend.
WM. P. LAWLER, M. D.
J. ARTHUR GAGE, M. D.
JOSEPH A. MEHAN, M. D.

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RED CROSS DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

A drive for new members will be inaugurated by the North Middlesex county chapter of the American Red Cross society next Monday morning and will continue until Dec. 26. It is hoped to increase the membership in Lowell from 20,000 to 50,000.

The local campaign will be simultaneous with a national drive. The local chapter, the Middlesex, has had its territory reduced from practically all of Middlesex county to Lowell and the following towns:

Ayer, Billerica, Burlington, Bedford, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Dunstable, Dracut, Groton, Littleton, Pepperell, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Westford and Wilmington.

The 30,000 new members will come from both the city itself and these towns. The first meeting in connection with the campaign will be held next Friday night in Memorial hall at 6.30 when the workers will organize. A dinner will be served. It is not expected that noonday luncheons will be held but it is anticipated that the workers will get together daily for a business session.

The campaign is not designed to raise money but merely to enlarge the membership rolls. A fee of $1 is charged to become a member of the Red Cross. Upon payment of a dollar one automatically becomes a member of the society and receives a 1918 membership button.

For the purposes of bookkeeping, those who are already members of the society are asked to renew their memberships during the coming campaign.

Following is the framework of the campaign organization as announced by Robert F. Marden, campaign manager:

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Robert F. Marden, campaign manager.
John H. Murphy, campaign secretary.
George R. Chandler, general treasurer for deposits.
Harold D. Macdonald and Miss Julia Pevey, assistant treasurers.
Mrs. Boyden H. Pillsbury, membership listing secretary.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James C. Reilly, assistant campaign manager.
Albert D. Milliken, industries.
Paul B. Chandler, miscellaneous items and loose ends.
Miss Ruth Burke, women's campaign.
Mrs. George A. Leahy, assistant membership listing secretary.
Dudley L. Page.
Arthur T. Safford.
James F. Owens.
John A. Hunnewell.
Philip S. Marden.

TEAM 1

Capt. George H. Spillane, insurance men and companies.
E. W. Thomas, Boott mills.
Albert L. Pehl, Whitall Mfg. Co. and Pentucket Narrow Fabric Co.
Frederick Johnston, Shaw Stocking Co., Lowell Hosiery.
Arthur Dion Harvard Brewing Co.
D. W. McKenzie, wholesale produce and wholesale grocers.
Frank D. Proctor, American Woolen Co., Bay State mill.
Francis A. Connor, public buildings department, school janitors.
Fred C. Weld, chemists, opticians, Avery Chemical Co., Talbot Dyewood & Chemical Co.
John W. Crawford, water works department.
Abel R. Campbell, constables, deputy sheriffs, real estate men.

TEAM 2

Capt. George C. Fairburn, retail provisions and markets.
Jude C. Wedleigh, Merrimack Manufacturing Co.
E. M. Fuller, Waterhead and Waterside mills.
Fred Timmons, Meyer Thread Co.
Allan D. Parker, wood workers and lumber dealers.
David Gerow, retail grocers.
J. Lawler Ford, bookbinders, printers, stationers.
Mrs. Rose Jordan Hartford, milliners.
Miss Marguerite Turgeon, dressmakers.
Miss Margaret Courtney, nurses.

TEAM 3

Capt. John M. O'Donoghue, lawyers.
William A. Mitchell, Massachusetts cotton mills.
James F. Flemings, paper dealers.
Ray Webster, druggists.
William Scally, bakers.
Millard F. Wood, jewelers.
Fred A. Bates, health department.
John L. Collins, Lowell Electric Light corporation.
Maj. Walter R. Joyes, clubs and fraternal organizations.
Walter J. Nelson, theatres and theatrical profession.

TEAM 4

Capt. Edward B. Carney, banks, bankers and brokers.
Stephen T. Whittier, Hamilton Manufacturing Co.
Arthur A. Wright, Barry Shoe Co. Federal Shoe Co.
Percy Gulline, Columbia Textile Co.
Albert E. O'Heir, furniture dealers.
Joseph Mullin, coal, wood, grain and ice dealers.
Frank T. Mussey, laundries.
C. F. Grover, New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.
Frederick J. Nevery, ladies' outfitters.
John K. Whittier, machine shops, foundries, boiler works.

TEAM 5.

Capt. George H. Runels, hardware dealers, manufacturers' supplies.
Elmer F. Bowen, Appleton Co.
F. W. Brown, Boston & Maine railroad in Lowell.
John F. White, clothing, men's furnishings, sporting goods.
Joseph L. Sargent, proprietary medicines, American Mason Safety Tread Co.
Ernest L. Kimball, metal workers, sign painters.
Rev. William F. English, Jr., Protestant clergymen.
Rev. Francis J. Mullin, Catholic clergymen.
John B. Blessington, street department.
John J. Sullivan, tailors.

TEAM 6.

Capt. Everett F. Gray, Lowell Gas Light Co., Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co.
Everett H. Walker, Lawrence Manufacturing Co.
G. Russell Dana Jr., garages, carriage manufacturers, bicycles.
William Buzzell, department stores, five and 10-cent stores.
Walter Clarkson, shoe dealers.
Owen A. Monahan, city hall employes.
Benjamin Green and Abram S. Goldman, Hebrew colony.
Henry Reynolds, blacksmiths, horseshoers.
J. O. Heinze, the Lamson Co.

TEAM 7.

Capt. Charles Nichols, tea dealers, architects, accountants, auctioneers, dairy products stores.
M. A. Rawlinson, Tremont & Suffolk mills.
George A. Lyon, Lyon Carpet Co., Massachusetts Mohair Plush Co.
Henry H. Harris, school teachers and schools.
William H. Boss, Lowell Fertilizer Co.
John T. Conway, teamsters and truckmen.
James W. Jantzen, fire department.
Redmond Welch, police department.
Arthur G. Fox, restaurants, caterers, shoe repair shops.
Wm. A. Lamson, U. S. Mailing Case Co., Ideal Comb Co., Knowles Scale Works.

TEAM 8

Capt. R. A. Wentworth, Saco-Lowell Shops, (L.M.S.)
Felix Langevin, Saco-Lowell Shops. (Kitson.)
Fred Crowley, Bay State Street Railway.
William T. White, American Hide & Leather Co.
Capt. W. P. White, Lowell Paper Tube corporation, Middlesex Co., Ipswich Hosiery, Lowell Felt Co.
Charles L. Marren, liquor dealers and workers.
Dr. Hugh Walker, dentists.
John Dwyer, painters, decorators.
Alvah H. Weaver, roofers, masons, plasterers.
F. C. Willard, International Steel and Ordnance.

TEAM 9

Capt. Thomas J. O'Donnell, undertakers, stables.
E. G. Sophos and Vasilios Giavis, Greek community.
C. A. Portman, Newton Mfg. Co.
George McIntire, Pilling Shoe Co., Spaulding Shoe Co., Foster Shoe Co., Snow Shoe Co.
John H. Johnson, carpenters, builders.
Dr. A. R. Gardner, physicians.
Howard L. Whiteley, Lowell Bleachery.
Cyrus W. Russell, Bagshaw Co., florists, gardeners.
Lester A. Femings, Bay State Cotton Corp.
George Stevens, United States Bunting Co.

TEAM 10

Capt. Fred F. Hayward, music dealers, musicians, music teachers.
C. Fred Cunningham, United States Cartridge Co.
Joseph A. Legare, Heinze Electric Co.
Royal P. White, Stirling-Belvidere Woolen mills.
George A. Stewart, plumbers, steamfitters.
Melvin Master, milk dealers.
Thomas Burke, Barber Mfg. Co., C. H. McEvoy Co., N. E. Bunting Co.
Robert Robertson, T. Martin & Bros., J. A. Dalrymple, Deavitt Mfg. Co., Northern Waste Co.
Reuben Dunsford, Lowell Insulated Wire Co., Boutwell Bros., Inc., Cheney box shop.

TEAM 11

Capt. Edward Fisher, suburban towns.

Ayer	Groton
Billerica	Littleton
Burlington	Pepperell
Bedford	Tewksbury
Carlisle	Tyngsboro
Chelmsford	Westford
Dunstable	Wilmington
Dracut	

TEAM 12

Alex. B. Williams, captain and director.
Boy Scouts to canvass homes of Highlands and Centralville Heights.

TEAM 13

Mrs. Herbert D. Pickering, captain and director.
Women to canvass homes of Belvidere.

TEAM 14

Mrs. Joseph Cayouette, captain and director.
Women to canvass homes of Pawtucketville.

TEAM 15

Miss Mary Devine, captain and director.
Women to canvass homes of outer Gorham street, Chelmsford street and Wigginville.

TEAM 16

Mrs. Delorme, captain and director.
Women to canvass homes of West Centralville and Pawtucket street district.

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Women's Fine Linen Handkerchiefs, extra fine embroidered initial ..... 25c Each

Children's All Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box, 29c Box

Children's Initial Handkerchiefs, colored border and initial, 3 in a box ..... 25c Box

Men's All Linen Handkerchiefs, ¼ inch hem 15c

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, 10c Each, 6 in a Box 50c

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BAY STATE TO ABANDON NON-PAYING LINES

Special to The Sun.

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 11.—All non-paying lines of the Bay State Street Railway company are to be abandoned and the tracks torn up, according to the plans of the directors of that road announced to the public service commission yesterday by General Manager Goff.

The Bay State has had experts at work going over the entire system, Mr. Goff said, and there is strong indications that at least 103 miles of track will be abandoned. This gigantic tearing up of street car tracks is considered the largest abandonment in the history of street railroading in Massachusetts.

Mr. Goff declined to say just what lines will be abandoned or what cities and towns will be affected, and would only state that the lines which it is definitely decided, at this time, to discontinue, are the Wilmington-Billerica line, the Lakeville-Elliot's corner and the Assinippee line.

Chairman Frederick J. Macleod of the public service commission asked Mr. Goff, when the Bay State's manager made the announcement, whether the commission was to understand that every road, or every section of a road which does not pay a return on the capital invested, is to be abandoned, Mr. Goff explained that such was the "intention of the road's director's with some slight variations."

The manager said that there are a number of the company's lines which have very light patronage, and while they serve the interests of some few, there are not enough patrons on those lines to warrant their continuation.

HOYT.

Miner-Doyle, Associate hall tonight.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The regular monthly meeting and election of officers of Branch No. 25, N.A.L.C., was held at its quarters in the Odd Fellows building Saturday night. There was a lively contest on for the different positions. The officers for the ensuing year will be as follows: President, George L. Hunt; vice president, John O'Rourke; secretary, David Dwyer; treasurer, John P. Shehan; collector of the sick benefit, Charles A. Carey; financial secretary, James J. Custer; member of the board of trustees for three years, Wallace Hafey and sergeant-at-arms, Thure Gillinson.

Much business was transacted and committees reported pertaining to the welfare of the association. It was decided to have a joint installation of the officers with the postoffice clerks, the fourth Saturday in January. John J. Foley of Boston will install the officers and will give a report of the work that the national officers of the association have accomplished.

Many letters were received from the members of congress, stating their attitude on the increased salary bill that will come before congress at an early date.

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS WILL MEET AT CITY HALL FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The physicians and surgeons in Lowell and northern Middlesex county are to meet at the aldermanic chamber at city hall Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint those doctors who are to stay at home with their duties in case wounded men from Europe should be transported home and need care.

The principal speaker will be Major Fred B. Lund, a prominent Boston surgeon. Dr. William P. Lawler, of this city, president of the Middlesex North District Medical society will preside. All doctors, no matter what organization they are members of, are cordially invited to attend.

Major Lund will speak on the progress of medicine and surgery thus far in the war. He will also define the work to be done in the event of wounded soldiers being brought back to this country. It is said that the major has information which will be beneficial to every physician and surgeon.

LABOR UNIONS

Regular meetings of the following organizations were held last evening: Bottlers, Teamsters and Loomfixers.

JURY WAS EXCUSED

Owing to the continued illness of Justice King, who was presiding over the civil session of the superior court in this city, the jury in the case of Stanton vs. Brickett, an action of contract, which was started last week, was excused for further consideration yesterday and Clerk Hurd announced that all other cases on the list would be transferred to East Cambridge.

The Sun reaches the people who earn their money in Lowell and spend it in Lowell stores. It pays to advertise in The Sun, Lowell's greatest newspaper.

Donkey Club tonight.

A Question of Taste and Economy

There are many of us who appreciate the better things of life and yet who find it necessary to practice economy.

But what is economy?

Buying wisely — that's Economy.

With coffee for instance: Buying wisely suggests getting that brand which will give the largest number of cups to each pound. And the question is one of cost per cup—not of cost per pound.

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La Touraine The Freshly Ground Coffee

Here is the most economical coffee for you to buy and use. More than that—it is a brand of coffee which appeals to the most cultivated taste—to the inveterate coffee lover.

Fresh, plump coffee berries—the pick of the world's markets, blended and roasted with the utmost care and precision—these are what give La Touraine that strength and flavor.

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Spartanburg, S.C.—"For nine years I suffered from backache, weakness, and irregularities so I could hardly do my work. I tried many remedies but found no permanent relief. After taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I felt a great change for the better and am now well and strong so I have no trouble in doing my work. I hope every user of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will get as great relief as I did from its use."—Mrs. S. D. McAbee, 122 Dowey Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.

Chicago, Ill.—"For about two years I suffered from a female trouble so I was unable to walk or do any of my own work. I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in the newspapers and determined to try it. It brought almost immediate relief. My weakness has entirely disappeared and I never had better health. I weigh 165 pounds and am as strong as a man. I think money is well spent which purchases Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. Jos. O'Bryan, 1753 Newport Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

The major portion of this morning's session of the police court was devoted to the hearing of cases which grew out of a raid at a coffee house at 388 Suffolk street on the night of November 23. Nicholas Somposos, the proprietor of the place was charged with maintaining a gaming nuisance, but he was found not guilty without offering any defence. George Skalkeos, Nicholas Trafalos, George Georgakos, Stephen Kanios, George Spanos, Louis Papas and Costas Georges were charged with being present at a game.

The court, after considering the evidence in the case, found the defendants guilty and ordered each to pay a fine of $3. They appealed.

Manslaughter Charge

The case of Frank Henry, of Concord, N. H., charged with manslaughter in causing the death of Joshua F. Davis at North Chelmsford, on the night of October 17th, was called for trial, but by agreement the case was continued until December 26, he being held under $2000 bonds for appearance at that time. It is alleged by the government that while Henry was operating an automobile through North Chelmsford he struck and fatally injured Mr. Davis, an aged man, who had just seen his son off on an electric car.

The case of Bartholomew Cullen, also charged with manslaughter, was continued until December 28. It is alleged that Cullen was the driver of an automobile which crashed into a fence at Tyngsboro bridge several weeks ago and resulted in the death of one of the occupants. Inasmuch as the finding of the inquest had not been presented to the court it was decided to grant a postponement.

Other Offenders

Alexander Grigonis, an employe of the Hamilton mills, was charged with the larceny of cloth from the mills. He entered a plea of guilty and a fine of $10 was imposed.

Matthew J. Ryan, who appeared before the court several day ago on a complaint charging him with non-support, was given a suspended sentence of four months in the house of correction after stating that if allowed to go he would join the marines.

FUNERAL NOTICES

GLOVER—Died Dec. 10, in this city, Mrs. Hattie S. Glover aged 54 years, 6 months and 15 days, at her home, 48 Lawrence street. Funeral services will be held at 48 Lawrence street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W Healey.

HALL—The funeral of Mrs. Euphiasia Hall will take place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from her late home, 1526 Bridge street. Friends invited without further notice. Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck in charge.

LYNCH—The funeral of John F. Lynch will take place Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock from the home of his son, George F. Lynch, Andover street, North Tewksbury. Funeral mass will be celebrated at the Immaculate Conception church at 9 o'clock. Friends will please omit flowers. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker Higgins Bros. in charge.

O'LOUGHLIN—The funeral of Mr. Thomas O'Loughlin will take place Thursday morning from his home, 22 Abbott street, at 8 o'clock. The funeral high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock. Burial will take place at St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers O'Connell & Mack in charge.

SUTHERLAND—Died Dec. 10, in this city, Mrs. Isabelle Sutherland, aged 69 years, 8 months and 22 days, at her home, 204 Cross street. Funeral services will be held at 204 Cross street Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

FUNERALS

RIVET—The funeral of David Rivet took place this morning from the home, 19 Ward street. High mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Jean Baptiste church at 8 o'clock by Rev. Rosario Jalbert, O.M.I. The bearers were Louis Grouin, Arthur Gauthier, Joseph Arpin and George Dallaire. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in St. Joseph's cemetery. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

LEBLANC—The funeral of Florence Leblanc took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raoul Leblanc, 188 Moody street. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

TOBIN—The funeral of John Tobin took place Saturday afternoon from the rooms of Undertaker Peter H. Savage. Services were held at St. Peter's church, Rev. Daniel J. Hefternan being the officiating clergyman. The bearers were Messrs. John and Thomas Gill and James and Michael Heatherman. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Hefferman recited the committal prayers at the grave.

HARRIS—The funeral services of S. Newell Harris were held Sunday at his home, 42 Florence avenue and were conducted by Rev. Asa R. Dilts, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church. Appropriate selections were sung by the Mendelssohn male quartet. The bearers were Messrs. William F. Hills, Richard Gumb, Frank P. Fletcher, Louis Browning, George A. Smith and J. Oscar Phinney. Burial was in the family lot in the Edson cemetery and the funeral was under the direction of Mr. William F. Hills, in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

O'CONNELL—The funeral of Mrs. Ellen T. O'Connell took place from her late home, 7 Everett street, at nine o'clock this morning and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased. The funeral cortege proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church where a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at ten o'clock by Rev. Lawrence Tighe, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. J. C. Duffy, O.M.I., as deacon; Rev. J. P. Flynn, O.M.I., as sub-deacon and Rev. Owen P. McQuaid, O.M.I., as master of ceremonies.

Seated within the sanctuary were Rev. Clement Flynn, O.M.I., Rev. William B. Haley, O.M.I., and Rev. Joseph L. Moriarty, O.M.I., of Tewksbury; Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I., of St. Jean Baptiste church; Rev. William B. Mahan, O.M.I., of the Sacred Heart church; Rev. Dennis Sullivan, O.M.I., Rev. John M. O'Brian, O.M.I., and Rev. James McCartin, O.M.I., of the Immaculate Conception church, also the novices of the Tewksbury novitiate.

The bearers were Messrs. Patrick McCarthy, Samuel Pollard, John Foye, Andrew Shannon and Joseph Sweeney.

The interment was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery where services were conducted by Rev. Fr. Tighe, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Frs J. C. Duffy, O.M.I., John P. Flynn, O.M.I., O. P. McQuaid, O.M.I., and James McCartin, O.M.I. Burial was under the direction of Undertakers O'Connell & Mack.

ROARKE—The funeral of Thomas E. Roarke took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from his late home, 489 Broadway and was largely attended. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Patrick's church, where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Timothy P. Callahan. The bearers were James Baxter, William Ambrose, James and Joseph Sullivan. Burial took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the final prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Callahan. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

WOODWARD—The funeral of Henry M. Woodward who died Sunday at Grasmere, N. H., aged 88 years, 4 mos., 24 days, was held this morning at 10 o'clock at the gravesido in the Edson cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Lewis W. Swanson, pastor of the Presbyterian church at New Boston, N. H. Mr. Woodward formerly lived in Lowell and was a sergeant of the Sixth Mass., Regt., Co. A. The local arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

DOHERTY — The funeral of Mr. Thomas J. Doherty took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from the home of his mother, Mrs. Ann Doherty, 10 Madison street, and was largely attended by relatives and friends. The cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Lenihan. There were many beautiful floral offerings. The bearers were Messrs. Edward Welch, John Welch, John Kelly, and Andrew McLoughlin. Interment was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. Fr. Lenihan read the committal prayers at the grave. Funeral Director James W. McKenna in charge.

DEATHS

O'LOUGHLIN—Thos. O'Loughlin, a well known resident of St. Peter's parish, died this morning at his home, 22 Abbott street, after a brief illness, aged 50 years. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Rosalie F., one son, Russell, two brothers, Edward and William O'Loughlin, and his father, Patrick O'Loughlin.

DAVIS—Died last evening, in this city, very suddenly, Mrs. Emma G. Davis, aged 65 years, 10 months and 11 days, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fritzroy F. Pillsbury, 201 Princeton street. The body was taken to her home in Saco, Me., where the funeral services will be held and burial will take place. The arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

COTTON—Neal Cotton, for many years a well known resident of this city, died Sunday at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. E. F. Miller, at Arlington, Mass. Born in Tuftonboro, N. H., May 21, 1820, he attained the ripe old age of 97 years and six months, and was in good health up to his last sickness. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Arthur W. Sherman of Lowell and Miss A. E. Cotton of Arlington, and one sister, Mrs. N. D. Varney of California; also three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

DUSTIN—Mrs. F. A. Dustin, widow of the late Mark G. Dustin, and a former resident of this city, died in Gerrish, N. H., Dec. 5. Mrs. Dustin leaves three granddaughters, Myrtle A. Whitcomb of this city, Miss Edith Whitcomb of Colorado Springs, Col., and Mrs. R. H. Davenport of Pittsfield, Mass. Burial took place Sunday afternoon at Henniker, N. H. Mrs. Dustin was a direct descendant of Hannah Dustin of historical fame. She was 88 years old.

GLOVER—Mrs. Hattie S. Glover, aged 54 years, 6 months and 15 days, died yesterday at 48 Lawrence street. She leaves one daughter, Miss Hattie V. Glover; three sisters, Mrs. Serena Gorrill, Mrs. Priscilla MacKenzie and Mrs. William Rogers and two brothers, John and Arthur Gay.

SUTHERLAND—Mrs. Isabella Sutherland, aged 69 years, 8 months and 22 days, died yesterday at her home, 204 Cross street. She leaves three sons, John H. F. Sutherland, C. Ernest and D. Walter Sutherland, and one daughter, Miss K. Isabella Sutherland, and seven sisters and one brother.

MANNEY—Thomas Manney died this morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. William F. Welch, 28 Windsor street. He was 49 years of age. He leaves three sisters, Mrs. A. J. Paterson of Waterbury, Vt., Mrs. D. Ortiorman and Mrs. William F. Welch of this city.

HALL—Died in Dracut, Dec. 11, Mrs. Euphiasia D. Hall, aged 82 years, 6 months and 4 days. She was the widow of Dyer Hall. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Chester M. Peabody of Dracut.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

There will be an anniversary mass at 8 o'clock, at the Immaculate Conception church on Wednesday morning, Dec. 12, for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Philip Dwyer.

Hairs Will Vanish After This Treatment

(Toilet Helps)

You can keep your skin free from hair or fuzz by the occasional use of plain delatone and in using it you need have no fear of marring or injuring the skin. A thick paste is made by mixing some of the powdered delatone with water. Then spread on the hairs and after two or three minutes rub off, wash the skin and all traces of hair have vanished. Be careful, however, to get real delatone.

FAIRBURN'S MARKET

OFFERS FOR WEDNESDAY

Sugar Cured Hams, (8-12 lbs.) lb. 32c
Selected Eggs, doz. ...39c
Pearl Tapioca, lb.....15c
Fresh Shoulders, lb....24c
Beef Liver, lb.....13c
Baldwin Apples, pk....30c
Fancy Grapefruit, 6 for 25c
Smoked Shoulder, lb. 24c
Heavy Salt Pork, lb. 27c
Corned Shoulders, lb. 23c

HOUR SALES
8 to 9 a. m.
Bee Soap .....3 bars 14c
9 to 10 a. m.
Libby's Red Salmon 23c
10 to 11 a. m.
Pure Red Currant Jelly, 11c Ja.

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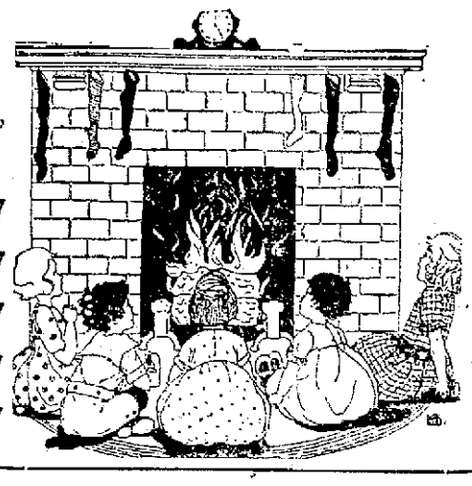
10.98 Coats, reduced to..... **7.77**
15.00 Coats, reduced to..... **9.77**
18.50 Coats, reduced to..... **12.77**



Girls' Dresses

In Wool Serges and Washable Shepherd Cloth

4.00 Dresses, reduced to..... **2.77**
5.00 Dresses, reduced to..... **3.77**
7.50 Dresses, reduced to..... **4.77**
10.00 Dresses, reduced to..... **5.77**
White Voile and Silk Party Dresses, reduced 1-3.
1.25 Wash Dresses **77c** 2.00 Wash Dresses **1.67**

COATS

These Coats have been reduced for quick clearance Wednesday; formerly priced to 29.50; only one and two of a kind but all sizes in the assortment. Materials in warm Meltons, Velours, Pom Poms and Broadcloths. Fur collars of Kit Coney, Raccoon and Plush. Others in plain models. Colorings in Navy, Black, Taupe, Reindeer, Beet-root and Green. Sizes for the miss of 16, in just the models desired, and conservative styles to size 46 in the assortment. On sale Tomorrow at

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Appreciated Christmas Gifts

APRONS

Pretty styles with dainty lace insertions; some with pockets trimmed to contrast.

25c to 98c

NECKWEAR

Monk styles, collarette and shawl effects, cuffs to match in Satin, Filet Lace, Voile and Pique.

50c to 1.98

SILK UNDERWEAR

New styles in pretty Georgette, Envelope Chemise and Gown, in white and flesh.

2.98 to 7.50

PRETTY CAMISOLES.... 59c to 1.98

SWEATERS

All wool, Shetland and fancy knit, brushed wool trimmed.

2.98 to 12.50

BATHROBES

Beacon Blanket and Corduroy, all sizes, 36 to 46. Specially priced

2.98 to 4.98

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Our entire stock of Fine Sample Suits. Materials in Fine Broadcloths, Burella Cloth, Velour de Laine, Tricotine; formerly priced 18.50 to 49.50.

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20.00 Red Fox Scarfs.....**12.50**
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30.00 Black Skunk Scarfs and Muffs **18.50**
25.00 Hudson Seal Muffs.....**18.50**
50.00 Taupe Wolf Sets.....**37.50**
40.00 Natural Opossum Sets....**25.00**
100.00 Taupe Wolf Sets.....**75.00**
7.50 Black Marobia Muffs..... **4.98**
Children's Fur Sets, in animal skins and Imitation Ermine, **1.98 to 14.98**

Corsets at Half Price

This offering includes our entire stock of the famous **P. N., Jesona, Nemo, Warner, Bien Jolie, Mme. Lyra and Ivy Corsets.** Original prices are on all these Corsets. You simply pay one-half.

MASS NOTICE

There will be an anniversary high mass on Thursday morning, Nov. 13, at 8 o'clock, in the Immaculate Conception church, for the repose of the soul of Bridget Corey.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to my relatives and friends for their acts of kindness and words of sympathy which helped to lighten my burden of sorrow caused by the death of my beloved husband. I also wish to thank those who send floral and spiritual offerings, including the Mass. cloth room for which I will ever hold them, one and all, in grateful remembrance.

Mrs. John McIntyre.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the kindness shown during the death of our beloved father, also for the beautiful floral offerings and spiritual bouquets sent as expressions of sympathy. We wish to thank especially the employes of the Boott mills office and W. J. Barry Shoe Co.'s office force.

Mrs. T. F. Clarke and Family.

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Stephen C. Garrity, formerly employed in the victrola department of the J. L. Chalifoux Co., has enlisted in the quartermaster's department of the Regular army and left Lowell yesterday for Ft. Slocum, N. Y. Later he will be transferred to Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Garrity wishes the many friends whom he has made in connection with his business interests to still feel at home to visit the victrola department at any time where Mr. A. L. Heiser will look after their wants.

Private John Taylor of the National army was presented a shaving kit and a $10 gold piece at a reception tendered him Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston in West Sixth street. In the course of the evening a varied entertainment program was given and refreshments were served.

If plans carry, between 400 and 500 children of this city will be entertained at dinner by the Salvation Army at Christmas. Members of the army are at their usual stations in the down town streets with their boxes and the public is requested to donate liberally. The dinner will be served in a large hall and will be followed by an entertainment. Adjt. E. W. Cark is in charge of arrangements.

Miss Gladys Crosskill, who has been in Lowell for the past month as the government worker in the campaign of education in war time economics, has been transferred to another city and her place in Lowell will be filled by Miss Bernice J. Everett, a graduate of Rogers Hall and Wesley, who has received her domestic science training at Simmons college. Miss Crosskill was in Lowell about one month and during that time she gave demonstrations and spoke before about 700 people. Miss Everett will keep up the good work started by her predecessor.

George Daigle, aged 39 years, living in Concord, N. H., was struck by a freight train in the southern yard of the Boston & Maine railroad last night and suffered injuries to his head and both hands. The ambulance was summoned and he was taken to St. John's hospital where it was necessary to amputate three of the fingers of the left hand and one on the right hand. The scalp wound which Daigle sustained is not considered very serious.

The first donation in Lowell towards the fund for the relief of the Halifax sufferers was received this morning by Mayor O'Donnell from Rev. N. W. Matthews, pastor of the Gorham Street M.E. church, who sent his check for $10. The fund is being raised at the request of Gov. McCall and will be known as the Massachusetts fund.

Considerable excitement was caused in Central street, opposite the New American hotel shortly after nine o'clock this morning when one of the trolley wires of the Bay State Street Railway Co. parted, one end dropping into the street. Fortunately there was no one in the way at the time. The police and the street railway officials were notified and in a very short time a police officer was on the scene and kept the crowd back and in a few minutes the wrecking crew of the railway company was on hand, but it was about 20 minutes before temporary repairs were made and traffic through that portion of the street was restored.

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WHITLOCK TELLS STORY OF GERMAN BRUTALITY

BRAND WHITLOCK

Special to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, is on official record charging the Germans with the crimes of massacring civilians, using non-combatant natives as shields for their advancing troops, and deporting thousands upon thousands of Belgians into virtual slavery in Germany.

His reports to that effect, made while he was still at Brussels, are on file in the archives of the state department. They add the last testimony—if proof were needed—that all of the atrocities charged up to the Huns are based upon hideous facts and not merely upon the inflamed imagination of hostile populations.

Whitlock in his capacity as a diplomat of a power, still at that time at peace with Germany, reported facts to his superior officers. They did not want propaganda stories either for or against anyone. Washington wanted to know what was going on in Belgium.

Whitlock reported the news with as much accuracy as it was possible for him to get it. And he got it first-hand because the American legation was the clearing house through which the victims of the Huns passed.

For a long time Whitlock's reports have been locked up. Now they are released, forming part of a 94-page book on "German War Practices," issued by George Creel's committee on publication, and edited by Prof. D. C. Munro of Princeton university.

Whitlock's first dispatches regarding the cruelties of the Germans were sent in 1914 when the kaiser's legions were spreading death and terror before them:

"Summary executions took place at Dinant," he wrote, "without the least semblance of judgment. The names and number of the victims are not known, but they must be numerous. Among the persons who were shot are M. DEFOIN, mayor of Dinant; SASSERATH, first alderman; NIMMER, aged 70; consul for the Argentine Republic. VICTOR PONCELET, who was executed in the presence of his wife and seven children; GUSTAVE AND LEON NACAISE, two very old men.

JULES MONIN and others were shot in the cellar of their brewery: CAMILLE FISTTE and his son, aged 17; PHILLIPART PIEDFORT, his WIFE and DAUGHTER; MISS MARSIGNY.

"During the execution of about forty inhabitants of Dinant, the Germans placed before the condemned their wives and children. It is thus that Madame Alin, who had just given birth to a child three days previously, was brought on a mattress by German soldiers to witness the execution of her husband; her cries and supplications were so pressing that her husband's life was spared.

"On the 26th day of August German soldiers entered various streets of Louvain and ordered the inhabitants of the houses to proceed to the Place de la Station, where the bodies of nearly a dozen assassinated persons were lying.

"Women and children had to witness the execution of many of their fellow citizens who were for the most part at the side of the square. The women and children, after having remained on the square for more than 15 hours, were allowed to depart.

"Three Gardes Civiques of Louvain were taken prisoners and sent to Germany to the camp of Muenster, where they were held for several weeks.

"One of the most sorely tried communities was that of the little village of Tamines down in what is known as the Borinage, the coal fields of Charleroi.

"Tamines is a mining village, a collection of small cottages sheltering about 5000 inhabitants, mostly all poor laborers. The little graveyard, in which the church stands, bears its mute testimony to the horror of the event. There are hundreds of new-made graves, each with its small wooden cross and its bit of flowers; the crosses are so closely huddled that there is scarcely room to walk between them. They are alike and all bear the same date, THE SINISTER DATE OF AUGUST 22, 1914.

"But whether their hands were cut off or not, whether they were impaled on bayonets or not, children were shot down by military order in cold blood. In the awful crime of the Rock of Bayard, there overlooking the Meuse below Dinant, infants in their mother's arms were shot down without mercy.

"The deed, never surpassed in cruelty by any band of savages, is described by the Bishop of Namur himself:

"One scene surpasses in horror all others; it is the fusillade of the Rock Bayard near Dinant. It appears to have been ordered by Col. Meister. This fusillade caused the death of nearly 90 persons without distinction of age or sex. Among the victims were babies in arms, boys and girls, fathers and mothers of families, even old men.

"It was there that 12 children under the age of six perished from the fire of the executioners, six of them as they lay in their mother's arms:

"The child Flevet, 3 weeks old.
"Maurice Betemps, 11 months old.
"Nelly Pollet, 11 months old.
"Gilda Jenon, 18 months old.
"Gilda Marchot, 2 years old.
"Clara Struvay, two years and six months.

"The pile of bodies comprised also many children from 6 to 14 years. Eight large families have entirely disappeared. Four have but one survivor. Those men that escaped death—and many of whom were riddled with bullets—were obliged to bury in a summary and hasty fashion their fathers, mothers, brothers or sisters; then after having been relieved of their money and being placed in chains, they were sent to Cassel Prussia."

Whitlock also touches upon the horrors at Louvain, saying:

"On Thursday, Aug. 27, order was given to the inhabitants to leave Louvain because the city was to be bombarded. Old men, women, children, the sick, priests, nuns were driven on the roads like cattle. More than 10,000 were driven as far as Tirlemont, 18 kilometers from Louvain."

Our Belgian minister confirms the charge that the Germans shielded themselves behind the bodies of the natives—a practice they have now resumed in their march into Italy:

"The Germans attacked Hougaerde on Aug. 18; the Belgian troops were holding the Gette bridge in the village. The Germans forced the parish priest of Autgaerden to walk in front of them as a shield. As they neared the barricade the Belgian soldiers fired and the priest was killed. After the retreat of the Belgians the Germans shot four men, burned 50 houses and looted 100."

For a time the protests of neutral nations and the outcries of a shocked world seemed to cow the Germans. The wholesale massacres, lootings and burnings ceased. But in the winter of 1916 they perfected a new form of devilry. Their own supply of labor depleted, the Huns conceived the idea of deporting Belgians and Frenchmen to Germany to make them work for the kaiser, in many instances actually compelling them to labor in munition factories.

On January 16, 1917, while still in Brussels—even though it was occupied by the Germans—Whitlock made a report to the state department saying among other things:

"I have in mind, and I might say, on my conscience, since the Germans began to deport Belgian workmen in November to prepare for the department a detailed report on this latest instance of brutality, but there have been so many obstacles in the way of obtaining evidence on which a calm and judicious opinion could be based, and one is so overwhelmed with the horror of the thing itself, that it has been and even now is difficult to write calmly and justly about it.

"In order to understand fully the situation it is necessary to go back to the autumn of 1914. At the time we were organizing the relief work, the Comite National (Belgian relief organization) proposed an arrangement by which the Belgian government should pay its own employes left in Belgium, and other unemployed men besides, the wages they had been accustomed to receive. The Belgians wished to do this both for humanitarian and patriotic purposes; they wished to provide the unemployed with the means of livelihood and, at the same time, to prevent their working for the Germans. I refused to be connected in any way with this plan and told the Belgian committee that it had many possibilities of danger; that not only would it place a premium on idleness, but that it would ultimately exasperate the Germans. However, the policy was adopted and has been continued in practice, and on the rolls of the Comite National have been borne the names of hundreds of thousands—some 700,000, I believe—of idle men receiving this dole, distributed through communes.

"The presence of these unemployed, however, was a constant temptation to German cupidity. Many times they sought to obtain the lists of the chomeurs (men on the payrolls) but were always foiled by the claim that under the guarantees covering relief work, the records of the Comite National and its various sub-organizations were immune.

"Rather than risk any interruption of revictualling, for which, while loath to own any obligation to America, the Germans have always been grateful, since it has had the effect of keeping the population calm, the authorities never pressed the point other than with the burgomasters of the communes.

"Finally, however, the military party, always brutal, and with an astounding ignorance of public opinion and of moral sentiment, determined to put these idle men to work.

"General von Bissing and the civil portion of his entourage had always been and even now are opposed to this policy and I think have sincerely done what they could, first, to prevent its adoption and, secondly, to lighten the rigors of its application."

With regard to the above by Whitlock, the Germans had solemnly assured Cardinal Mercier that young Belgian men need not fear being forced into the German army or being employed at forced labors. This was in the autumn of 1914. All through 1915 there were reported cases where the military forced workmen to labor in various factories in Belgium. Later this was followed by an order legalizing this and in October, 1916, a brutal order was promulgated which paved the way for the deportations.

In his report, Whitlock continues:

"Then in August Hindenburg was appointed to the supreme command. He is said to have criticized von Bissing's policy as too mild; there was a quarrel; von Bissing went to Berlin to protest, threatened to resign, but did not. He returned and a German official here said that Belgium would now be subjected to a more terrible regime—would learn what war was. The prophecy has been vindicated. Recently I was told that the drastic measures are really of Ludendorff's inspiration; I do not know. Many German officers say so."

(Nevertheless Bissing defended the deportations, doing so openly in a conversation with F. C. Walcott, an American banker, who was working to ameliorate conditions in Belgium and Poland.)

Whitlock gives this picture of the actual deportations:

"They began in October at Ghent and at Bruges, as my brief telegrams indicated. The policy spread; the rich industrial districts of Hainaut, the mines and steel works about Charleroi were next attacked; now they are seizing men in Brabant, even in Brussels, despite some indications and even predictions of the civil authorities that the policy was about to be abandoned.

"During the last fortnight men have been impressed here in Brussels, but their seizures here are made evidently with much greater care than in the provinces, with more regard for the appearances. There was no public announcement of the intention to deport but suddenly about ten days ago certain men in towns, whose names are on the list of chomeurs, received summons notifying them to report at given day; penalties were fixed for failure to respond to the summons and there was printed on the card an offer of employment by the German government either in Germany or in Belgium. On the first day, of about 1500 men ordered to present themselves at the Gare du Midi, about 750 responded. These were examined by German physicians and 300 were taken. There was no disorder, a large force of mounted Uhlans keeping back the crowds and barring access to the station to all but those who had been summoned to appear.

"The commission for relief in Belgium had secured permission to give to each deported man a loaf of bread, and some of the communes provided warm clothing for those who had none and, in addition, a small financial allowance.

"As by one of the ironies of life, the winter has been more excessively cold than Belgium has ever known it, and while many of those who presented themselves were adequately protected against the cold, many of them were without overcoats. The men shivering from cold and fear, the parting from weeping wives and children, the barriers of brutal Uhlans, all this made the scene a pitiable and distressing one.

"The rage, the terror, the despair excited by this measure all over Belgium were beyond anything we had witnessed since the day the Germans poured into Brussels. The delegates of the commission for relief in Belgium returning to Brussels, told the most distressing stories of the scenes of cruelty and sorrow attending the seizures. And daily, hourly almost, since that time appalling stories have been related by Belgians to the legation. It is impossible for us to verify them, first, because it is necessary for us to exercise all possible tact in dealing with the subject at all, and, secondly, because there is no means of communication between the occupations—Gebiet and the Etappen-Gebiet.

"Transportation everywhere in Belgium is difficult, the vicinal railways scarcely operating any more because of the lack of oil, while all the horses have been taken. The people who are forced to go from one village to another must do so on foot or in vans drawn by the few miserable horses that are left. The wagons of the breweries, the one institution that the Germans have scrupulously respected, are hauled by oxen."

The well-known tendency of sensational reports to exaggerate themselves, Whitlock points out, gives occasion for great prudence in believing rumor, but he adds that even if a modicum of all that is told is true there still remains enough to stamp this deed as one of the foulest that history records.

Then he adds:

"I am constantly in receipt of reports from all over Belgium that tend to bear out the stories one constantly hears of brutality and cruelty. A number of men sent back to Mons are said to be in a dying condition, many of them tubercular. At Malines and Antwerp returned men have died, their friends asserting that they have been victims of neglect and cruelty, of cold, of exposure, of hunger."

Whitlock and the Spanish and Dutch ministers protested against the deportation of men who were at work already, because they clearly did not come within the brutal German order that all unemployed men should be deported. The Spanish legation lodged protests concerning about 200 men a day and the Dutch about as high as 1500. Whitlock at that time estimated that 100,000 persons had been deported, of whom only 2000 were returned.

Belgian burgomasters asked Whitlock to obtain permission to send packages of food to the deported, similar to those sent to prisoners of war, but, except in special instances, this was refused.

Whitlock concludes his report as follows:

"One interesting result of the deportations remains to be noted, a result that once more places in relief the German capacity for blundering, almost as great as the German capacity for cruelty. Until the deportations were begun there was no intense hatred on the part of the lower classes, that is, the workingmen and the peasants. The old Germans of the Landstrum had been quartered in Flemish homes; they and the inmates spoke nearly the same language; they got along fairly well; they helped the women with the work, the poor and the humble having none of those hatreds of patriotism that are among the privileges of the upper classes.

"It is conceivable that the Flemish population might have existed under German rule; it was Teutonic in its origin and anti-French always.

"But now the Germans have changed all that. They have dealt a mortal blow to any prospect they may ever have had of being tolerated by the population of Flanders; in tearing away from nearly every humble home in the land a husband and a father or a son and brother they have lighted a fire of hatred that will never go out; they have brought home to every heart in the land in a way that will impress its horror indelibly on the memory of three generations, a realization of what German methods mean, not, as with the early atrocities, in the heat of passion and the first lust of war but by one of those deeds that make one despair of the future of the human race, a deed coldly planned, studiously matured and deliberately and systematically executed, a deed so cruel that German soldiers are said to have wept in its execution and so monstrous that even German officers are now said to be ashamed."

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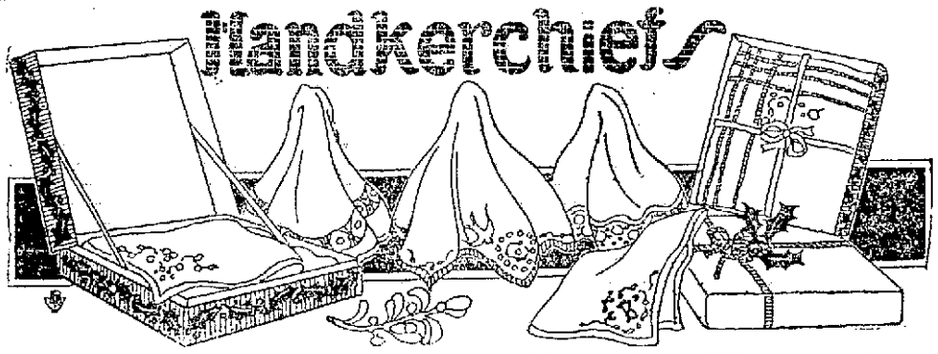

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INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

The following letter was received recently by a teacher in the Lowell high school from Private Gardner G. Gill who is now in France with the Headquarters company of the 101st ammunition train. Private Gill was a member of the 1913 graduating class of the high school and was prominent in football circles at the Kirk street institution:

"Dear Miss —— I don't know whether this will reach you or not, but here goes. No doubt you will be surprised to receive this from across the water, but I am "over here" and am slowly increasing my French vocabulary. It is from the practical end, not the book end.

"As you probably know there are many Lowell boys over here in Lowell organizations but I am not in any of those organizations. I am in the headquarters company of the ammunition train. Among the former Lowell high school fellows whom I have met are the following:

Roger Sherman, '11; Newell Harris, '13; Walter Douglass, '15; John Larrett, '16.

"Harris came over on the same boat with me but is not in this camp. The other three are here. Sherman is not in a Lowell organization but the other two are.

"I have been here a little over a month and like our camp location very much. This climate seems to agree with most of the fellows and many of them are gaining weight.

"I neglected to mention above that my brother, Jesse Gill, L.H.S. '11, is over here but not in this camp. He is in a different branch of the service. I met him in England but saw him for only an hour as his company was leaving the day I arrived. He was over about a week ahead of me. We had a very uneventful trip on the water.

"I received a letter from Lowell dated October 4th with a clipping of the Lowell High-St. John's Prep. game, the score being 0 to 0. I hope Lowell continues the good work. I know Quarterback McNerney. His brother was on the same ship that I came over on. He and Harris are in the same outfit.

"Will close with best wishes and kind regards from your star scholar (?).

"Gardner G. Gill."

Private Bert Conley

Bert Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Conley, 219 Ludlam street, is a horseshoer with Co. A of the 101st Military police now in France. In a letter dated Nov. 10 he writes his mother in part as follows:

Dear Mother: I am writing this because I have already written several letters and have not received an answer.

It does nothing but rain here all the time. I have met quite a few fellows here whom I know and I am chumming around with a fine respectable fellow. We've become great friends.

Well, Ma, how are all the folks at home? Tell them to write to me because a letter from home certainly goes good these days. Tell all the folks that I am well.

Your loving son,
Bert Conley.

Lieut. MacBrayne's Injuries

A letter written by Lieut. W. C. MacBrayne of this city,—and apparently delayed for some time in transit,—serving with the 102d field artillery in France, has been received, in which he stated that he is not permitted to tell where or in what manner he was injured, but that he received a broken nose and wrist, and that two other men, not of his regiment, were also sent to the hospital. It is known, however, that he had since returned to his regiment. The Lowell battery is now receiving instruction on the big guns and the men are reported to be showing great aptitude, though they had only preliminary instruction in the handling of field pieces before leaving the country.

Sergt. C. F. Brown

In a letter to a friend in this city, Sergt. C. F. Brown, formerly an organist at St. Anne's church, now with Base Hospital 36 in France, writes:

"I am writing this letter on shipboard. At last I am really on my way to Europe. It is wonderful, like the opening up of some new and wildly exciting book which I have heard everyone talking of, but which I hardly dared ever to be able to see for myself. It will be difficult to describe to you the subconscious feeling of expectancy and the sense of absolute ignorance as to what the future will offer. We travel at night without a light, either on deck or in any place where it would be visible from without. There is a feeling of expectancy because now that we are in the danger zone we might be torpedoed at any moment. One reaches the state where he sort of anticipates each instant the impact of the blow. The weather has been and continues most favorable, though the sky is overcast and there is a rather high sea on. Last night the wind blew terrifically, and it was intensely thrilling to be on deck with the absolute blackness all around. One might try to walk a short distance fighting his way against the gale, suddenly to run amuck against someone endeavoring to go in the opposite direction. I thought of so many things. Were it not for the other ships crossing with us, there would have been a most poignant feeling of terrible helplessness.

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MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rann Kennedy, Mrs. Kennedy being better known as Edith Wynne Mathison, entertained the members of the Middlesex Women's club yesterday afternoon with a joint recital of "Alcestis" in Colonial hall. Mr. Kennedy had previously been heard in this city alone but accompanied by his wife his work reaches the heights of real dramatic ability.

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1 cup each raisins and currants well floured

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BON MARCHE ABANDONS TOYLAND AND OFFERS ATTRACTIONS TO FIT THE TIMES

The Bon Marche, headquarters for Santa Claus and Lowell's greatest toy centre, has this year given up the toyland attraction which so delighted the little folks, and this change, like pretty nearly all other changes of the present day, is due to the war. The words economy and conservation are louder and stronger than the peal of Santa's reindeer bells and in order that the money expended this Christmas shall be along very practical lines, the Bon Marche decided to close Toyland and offer more substantial and practical gifts for Christmas.

This great store is fairly crammed with articles that will make useful and lasting gifts and the window display demands attention. It gives one a very clear insight into the Christmas problem and offers some splendid suggestions. The attractions include almost everything that is serviceable, handsome and durable from handkerchiefs to suits and coats, and the windows, taken as a whole, constitute one of the finest store attractions ever seen in this city. The various articles are prettily arranged and the background and all else is in perfect harmony with the general scheme. The beauty of the display and decorations is due to the artistic skill of Mr. Arsene Lemieux.

The Victrola department is located in the basement and the display of these inanimate singers is a splendid one and includes the Victor, Edison and Columbia machines.

The Bon Marche is each year growing in popularity under the splendid management of Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Walker, the advertising manager, succeeds in keeping the public interested in what the store has to offer.

VIENNA COMMENT ON U. S. DECLARATION OF WAR

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10.—Commenting on America's declaration of war against Austria-Hungary the Neues Wiener Tagblatt of Vienna says:

"President Wilson's sudden idea that war must be declared against Austria-Hungary on the ground that she is Germany's vassal is the craziest of his career as war inciter. We are not frightened by his declaration of war. That Mr. Wilson should think he knows us better than we know ourselves make us laugh.

The Fremdenblatt of Vienna refers to the fact that America's declaration was almost simultaneous with the armistice negotiations with Russia and says it is a natural presumption that President Wilson sees in the turn of events in Russia the danger of a possible peace and desires by his move to prevent the old world from finding repose and to head off stoppage of garnering of the enormous advantages obtained by Americans from the devastation of European states by war.

Before taking your train home from Boston get The Sun at either newsstand in the North station.

WOMAN FINED $50 FOR CARRYING PISTOL

While Sergt. Bartholomew Ryan was walking through Merrimack street last night his attention was attracted to a woman who had something sticking out of one of her pockets which resembled the handle of a revolver. The officer accosted the woman and invited her to accompany him to the police station where it was found that the weapon was a Colt 32 calibre of the automatic type, and was loaded.

When questioned by Capt. Atkinson the woman said she was carrying the gun for self-protection, claiming that in a shooting affray which took place in upper Market street about a week ago her husband had been fired at, and she was fearful lest an attempt might be made on her life. She gave the name of Agne Svolerandopoulos and her address as 12 Lagrange street.

She appeared before Judge Fisher in police court this morning and entered a plea of guilty to a complaint charging her with carrying a pistol without having a permit to do so. She was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of $50. She appealed and was held under $300 for the superior court.

COLDEST IN YEARS

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 11.—Cincinnati experienced its coldest morning in years today, when the thermometer registered 15 degrees below zero.

.·. BAG COAL .·.

NOTICE

The price of Bag Coal for the City of Lowell as fixed by the United States Fuel Administration is, until further notice, as follows:

1 BAG CONTAINING 16 LBS. OF NO. 1 NUT COAL—
AT DEALER'S YARD (not delivered) 10c
AT RETAIL STORE (not delivered) 12c
DELIVERED AT HOUSE 13c

Attention is called to the fact that there must be 16 lbs. of coal to a bag (not including the weight of the bag) and that the size of the coal is to be No. 1 nut (Chestnut.)

Any variation from these requirements should be reported immediately to the Local Committee.

Lowell Fuel Committee,
511 Sun Building.

Efficient Blow Torches

FOR THAWING OUT FROZEN PIPES

The tanks, which are of one quart capacity, are seamless and guaranteed not to leak. They deliver the hottest flame and are simple and safe to operate.

Prices **$5.30** and **$5.90**

Free City Motor Delivery

C. B. COBURN CO. 63 MARKET ST.

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JOHN H. HARRINGTON, Proprietor

SUN BUILDING, MERRIMACK SQUARE, LOWELL, MASS.

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RAILROAD PROBLEMS

The plight of the railroads is the most discouraging aspect of our preparations for war. How present conditions were brought about is well known. Regulation by forty-eight states under which one state through selfishness or political causes might block the will of all the others has been a great factor. The policy of banging the railroads as bloated corporations opposed to the interests of the people was carried to a ruinous extreme. The result is a loss of credit on the part of the railroads and a resultant financial collapse.

The remedies proposed by the railroads themselves have been numerous and varied, but they may be summarized in a general way in the following:

First—Federal supervision of railroad securities.

Second—Federal incorporation of interstate carriers.

Third—Federal regulation of rates.

Fourth—A regional and functional division of the work of the Interstate commerce commission.

Fifth—Restriction of rate suspensions to not more than sixty days.

Sixth—Giving the Interstate commerce commission power to prescribe minimum as well as maximum rates.

The railroad executives believe that with unified regulation under one head and regional sub-divisions, the present difficulties would be overcome. Many varied views are offered as to how the railroads can be rehabilitated without government ownership, among which are the following:

First—Increased rates and shorter periods of suspension.

Second—Federal regulation of rates and security issues.

Third—Federal regulation of wages.

Fourth—Repeal of state and federal anti-trust acts in their application to railroads.

Fifth—A division of the duties of the Interstate commerce commission, so the same body does not act as prosecutor, judge and jury.

Sixth—Co-operation on the part of legislative, regulating and shipping interests to protect railroad credit and to further railroad expansion.

Seventh—Co-operation of investors to protect and maintain credit.

Eighth—Recognition of our national unity of interest in a fundamental economic problem.

The third and fourth of these propositions, particularly the fourth, seem quite radical, although both may be found necessary in order to bring the railroads back to their normal condition of prosperity and working efficiency.

There has been such an overwhelming slump in railroad securities that it will require about a billion dollars a year for some years to bring them up to a status in which they will be able to handle the ever expanding business of the country in a satisfactory manner. But we are at war, and the needs of the government are imperative. Hence there is no time for experimentation or the slow constructive work here suggested. Hence government control for the duration of the war and government assistance financially appear to be the only methods by which the railroads can be made to meet the present needs of the nation.

President Wilson has decided to recommend to congress a plan for the unification of the railroads for the duration of the war. It will probably overcome their present inability to meet the necessities of the nation.

JERUSALEM

It is gratifying to the Christian world, exclusive of the Teutonic powers, that Jerusalem has been wrested from the hands of the Turks. The Holy City, the ancient capital of the Jebusites, the "City of David" and the capital of the Holy Land, is celebrated chiefly as being associated in Scripture with the life of Christ.

The Roman emperor, Constantine, under the inspiration of his mother, Helena, took pains to ascertain the sites of the various events in the passion of Christ and to have churches erected thereon and these thenceforward became objects of pious veneration to pilgrims from every part of the world.

Jerusalem fell under foreign domination in 614 when stormed by the Persian king. It was restored to the Roman emperor in 628, but in 637 fell into the hands of Calif Omar and in 1077 passed under Turkish domination. In 1099 it was taken by assault under Peter the Hermit and declared the capital of a Christian kingdom which was maintained until 1187, when the city passed under the yoke of the great Saladin, since which time, with a few slight interruptions, it has been under Turkish rule.

Its capture by the British will probably restore it permanently to Christian sway despite the peace slogan of "no annexations and no indemnities." The city should be held under international protection as the primitive seat of Christianity, the physical witness of man's redemption, made sacred as the scene of many of Christ's miracles, the site of the temple and many other memorials of the Savior's passion and death.

RED CROSS CRITICIZED

The following from the Wall Street Journal of December 7 is rather surprising:

"A Washington dispatch says the War department may decide to ignore the Red Cross in its plans for taking care of wounded. Charges that the organization has neglected this, its chief function, have been laid before the department. The Tribune quotes 'a man high in the councils of the War department' as saying that the Red Cross has been feminized to a high degree. Bandages and all other equipment for the wounded it has prepared, except the human equipment, France, he adds, is afflicted with many amateur American nurses, who consume food required for soldiers and inhabitants, but who do little real service."

It is true that the Red Cross has been besieged by women who want to be nurses but who lack the necessary training and qualification. Whether conditions are as alleged in the article quoted from the Wall street paper is not entirely clear. Our impression is, that while at present there may be some ground for this charge, yet when the real strain of war work comes, the Red Cross army will be found fully equal to all expectations. It would be wrong, of course, to quarter a lot of amateur nurses upon France or any other belligerent country. Only the nurses that are trained and fit should be sent into active service at the front.

A STORY IN THE ADVS.

Sometimes you can get real news by turning to the advertising columns. The little liner advertisements often contain whole stories of domestic or business bliss, despair, joy or devilry and occasionally the big display advertisements clearly disclose whether some well known merchant is dead, or still alive and kicking, by their very tone.

The foregoing, because we've dug out of the advertising columns of a Berlin newspaper the tragedy of a whole people.

For exchange, 50 Polish laborers, 20 men and 30 girls, for same number of other hands, says an adv., in The Deutsche Tages-Zeitung. Polish laborers in Germany are not permitted to change masters or to move from place to place without government authorization. With such authorization, however, the masters can make exchanges, as we swap horses and mules, or as our housewives exchange soap grease for soap, or old rags for door mats, kitchen tins and such.

Meanwhile, German autocracy talks independence and constitutional government to Poland. The independence of the dead and the government of serfdom!

OUR POOR, WEAK SUGGESTION

At Cleveland, third city of the world as to production of ready made garments, the garment manufacturers of the country are gathered to devise saving of cloth in women's suits, and it is really a movement for conservation of the highest importance.

Why save wheat, meat, sugar, fuel and such, and keep right on blowing in money on superfluous cloth?

Why put a week into knitting socks that can be bought for $1.12 and go around in an overskirt containing enough cloth to make $12 worth of socks?

Why put father on an allowance of 1 egg and 1 potato per day, that he may save money for Liberty bonds, and spend 40 eggs and 40 bushels of potatoes on a serge bag whose only duty is to flop in the wind? Is there a lady present who can answer that?

We admit that we are weak on suggestions for those designers at Cleveland. Their proposition to make 'em shorter at the bottom or lower at the top is chock-full of dreadful possibilities. If either of those alternatives has to be adopted, cannot a whole lot of elastic be put into them? We refer to the skirts, not to the wearers.

THE BOSTON BATTLE

The fall of Jerusalem and the events of the western battlefront will be matters of secondary interest in Boston until the mayoralty battle shall have been decided in defeat or victory for Curley. At present it is difficult to predict just what the outcome will be, although the G. G. A. is attempting to execute a turning movement on the Curley forces that would enable Peters to go over the top on Curley's first line trenches. But it must not be forgotten that the Curley forces are so strongly entrenched that nothing but heavy artillery fire from all the opposing points of vantage can ever dislodge them.

HIS HEART BADLY AFFECTED

"Fruit-a-tives" Soon Relieved This Dangerous Condition

632 GERRARD ST. EAST, TORONTO.

"For two years, I was a victim of Acute Indigestion and Gas In The Stomach. It afterwards *attacked my Heart* and I had pains all over my body, so that I could hardly move around. I tried all kinds of Medicine but none of them did me any good. At last, I decided to try "Fruit-a-tives". I bought the first box last June, and now I am well, *after using only three boxes*. I recommend "Fruit-a-tives" to anyone suffering from Indigestion".

FRED J. CAVEEN.

50c. a box, 6 for $2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ogdensburg, N.Y.

SEEN AND HEARD

The man who spends time bewailing his hard luck increases it.

Being rich won't make you happy, and this rule works both ways.

The man who gets the most out of life is the man who puts the most into it.

You can flatter almost any one you know as easily as almost any one you know can flatter you.

Even when a man makes a fool of himself, he often tries to put the blame on some one else.

Knowledge may be power, but the ignorant navvy can dig more in a day than the college professor can in a week.

When a girl is eighteen years old, it is hard for her to realize that she may be only thirty-two when she is thirty-eight.

Try to feel cheerful, even if you are sure that few people in the neighborhood where you used to live know what has become of you, and nobody cares.

One on the Landlord

"There was never but one guest at this here hotel that swung me while I was on the job," the landlord confided. 'Many have beat me but not while I was awake. But this here feller certainly has got one on me. Say, he's livin' here yet an' he ain't never paid me a cent. Why don't I collect his bill? How can I? Wait till I tell you.

"He'd been stoppin' here for near two months when I approached him on the subject of gettin' something on account. He was cheerful. I was polite. Finally I got mad and put it up to him straight.

" 'Young man,' says I, 'you can't leave this hotel till you pay your bill.'

" 'Will you put that in writin?' says he. "And before I knowed what I was doin' I done it."—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

Priority.

So many things I have to do
I don't know which to take up first.
Of course, I know I'd counsel you
To do the thing you hate the worst.
With that completed, finished, done,
Only more pleasant tasks await.
First do the worst, and leave the one
You like the best to take up late.

If you've a duty that you dread,
Don't put it off, perform it quick.
Don't hesitate, just go ahead,
You'll chuckle when you've done the trick.
Don't start in with the easiest stunt
And leave the hardest to do last,
Or at the end you may confront
A hopeless task, and stand aghast.

—Somerville Journal.

Tightwad Outclassed

A Muncie's solicitor for the second Liberty Bond issue after asking a notorious "tightwad" of the town to buy one or more bonds, was met by the reply, "I got one of the first issue and can't afford to buy any more."

"Where's your Liberty Bond button, then?" asked the solicitor.

"The baby swallowed it," was the reply.

"Well, then, show me the receipt for your payments for the first bond."

"Can't; cat chewed it up."

"What proof have you, then, that you have brought a bond?"

"Well, I can show you the baby and the cat."

On hearing this facetious reply, the solicitor said: "Well, you can at least do me the favor to drive me in your car to the home of a possible customer," and the other, overjoyed to get away without "loosening," hastily complied. The solicitor gave the "tightwad" the address of the latter's next-door neighbor. Arriving there, the patriotic one did not go into that house, but proceeded to the home of his friend who had refused him, the friend, in amazement, trailing along.

"Mrs. Blank," said the solicitor to the "tightwad's" wife, who opened the door; "I am working in the interest of the government and I should like to see your baby."

"My baby?" queried the astonished wife, "why, he's 28 years old and lives in California."

"Ah, indeed! Well, then, may I inspect your cat?"

Looking at him with frightened eyes, as though she were gazing on a maniac, but somewhat assured by her husband's presence, the wife replied to this, "I never had a cat in my life. I hate 'em and wouldn't have one of 'em around."

Then turning to the husband who had wilted into a chair, the solicitor made out an application for a $100 bond, filled out a check for a similar amount and presented them to the husband, saying: "Just sign on the lower lines, please."

The "tightwad" was too much taken aback to do anything but comply.—Indianapolis News.

Pension Widows

In the Ashbrook pension bill, which passed the last session of congress, the American government for the first time offers certain of its women citizens an insurance against unsuccessful marriage. Up to the present time a pensioned soldier's widow who remarried automatically disappeared from the pension rolls. But now, under this new legislation, she can resume her pensionable status on the death of her second husband.

But the law does far more than that. In case such a soldier's widow marries again and is divorced from the second husband for causes that reflect no discredit upon herself, she again automatically regains her pension. Evidently remarriage is thus made safe for soldiers' widows, the sacred institution, so far as they are concerned, loses its traditional character of a lottery. Taken in connection with the easy divorce laws of many states, the eligible soldier's widow runs not the slightest risk. She enters the state with the foreknowledge that, if the prospective husband proves unsatisfactory, the government stands ready to protect her against the financial consequences of having made a bad choice.

This pension wonder advances to the pension roll many thousands of widows who have been storming it for years. The original pension law granted allowances only to "war widows"—that is, women whose husbands had been killed in the Civil war. But congress, in 1890, passed a law which "covered in" all the women who had married soldiers up to that date. This legislation caused tremendous protest at the time, as it was claimed that young women, born in many cases, after the war, had married veterans merely for the purpose of ascending the pension roll after their husband's death.

In this Ashbrook law, any girl who married a soldier before 1905 will draw $20 a month for life after his death. Here, for example, is a girl, aged 22 in 1905, who marries a 60 or 70-year old veteran. She herself was born in 1883, nearly 20 years after the war ended. On her husband's death she gets $20 a month for life. If she lives until she is 90 she will draw this pension, merely because she had the foresight to marry a poor old veteran who was tottering toward the grave.—World's Work.

SOME REMARKABLE OVERCOATS AT A SPECIAL PRICE, $20.00

Trench Coats, Box Coats, Form-Fitting Coats—in blue, green, oxford and brown mixtures—Made from all wool "warmth without weight" fabrics—plaid backs with deep satin shoulder yokes—The smartest styles of the season—the best values we have advertised this year. So good—that an Overcoat like one of these will cost you $10 more, a year from now.

Putnam & Son Co.

166 CENTRAL STREET

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Loyal Integrity lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., was held last night and despite the severe weather, the attendance was very large. Noble Grand David Thomas presided and considerable business was transacted during the evening. P. S. Thomas Chadwick and Treasurer George Chase were appointed to secure a service flag for the lodge. The committee on the tobacco fund for soldier members in the army in France reported progress. Officers for the ensuing six months were nominated.

Loyal Integrity Staff association held its regular meeting in the same hall Sunday morning, Dec. 9. President Thomas M. Smith presided. There was a large amount of regular routine business, and officers for the ensuing term were nominated. A successful rehearsal of the drill was held under Chief of Staff Thomas M. Smith. During the social hour, the following program was given: Song, James Taylor; recitation, President Thomas M. Smith; song, V. P. Sidney Fryer; quartet, Elward Russell, Harry Barrett, William Alfano and P. G. Frank Bowles; song, William McCready; recitation and song, P. P. G. M. Edward Mackley; song, P. G. Frank Bowles.

The meeting closed with the singing of "The Star Spangle Banner" by the full chorus.

There was a large attendance at the regular meeting of Gen. Adelbert Ames camp, United Spanish War veterans, last night. The election of officers for 1918 was held, which resulted as follows: Commander, J. F. Crowley; senior vice commander, W. M. Prescott; junior vice commander, Richard Gibbons; officer of the day, Patrick Burns; officer of the guard, Thomas Conniff; trustee, Frank Dodge; delegates to the department convention, F. H. Driscoll, F. A. Boyle, C. H. Lambert and F. R. Cheney.

The next meeting of the camp will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, at the state armory, as the regular meeting night falls on Christmas. At this meeting, the contest for new members will close. Two new members were mustered in last night.

LOWELL GUILD COUNCIL

At a regular monthly meeting of the Lowell Guild council held yesterday, the following report was made by Miss Price, acting superintendent:

	Met	Rg.	T'l
Total patients brought forward	18	19	65
Total new patients visited in homes	61	36	97
Total visits for nursing care	171	128	899
Friendly visits	-	1	--
Instructive visits	--	16	--
Unrecorded visits	--	9	--
Prenatal visits		16	--
New prenatals	1		
Total	17		
Milk station calls			106
New babies taken on breast fed			1
New babies taken on home modifications			6
Babies at conference			48
Relief given—			
Grocery orders			16
Home delivery quarts milk			365
Station modification quarts			231
Co-operating agencies—			
Board of charities			2
Lowell Sunday School league			6
Anti-tuberculosis council			3

AMBULANCE PURCHASED BY K. OF P. PRESENTED CAMP DEVENS

Officers of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias visited Camp Devens at Ayer yesterday afternoon and presented the camp the new ambulance which has been purchased from subscriptions given by Pythian lodges in cities all over the state.

A meeting of the service committee, on which are representatives of lodges in this city, Fitchburg, Ayer, Leominster and other cities, was held Sunday afternoon at Camp Devens. It was voted to send letters of thanks to those who contributed articles of food for the soldiers who were unable to leave the camp on Thanksgiving day.

The entertainment committee reported that the entertainment which was to have been held in Hut 23, on Saturday evening was postponed because of the storm, and will be held at a later date. Other entertainments to be held during the winter are also planned.

On Monday evening, Dec. 17, at 7 o'clock sharp, in the town hall at Ayer, the third degree rank will be worked on 90 men by the degree team of the Peter Woodland lodge, Lowell Pythians planning to attend should take the 5.47 o'clock train for Ayer. A special return car will leave Ayer at 10 o'clock, or the Lowell men may return in the special cars bound for Lynn, which will pass through this city.

The service committee of the Pythians probably will do the same for the men at Ayer on Christmas day as they did on Thanksgiving day, in the way of distributing favors and gifts.

LINCOLN MASQUERADE BALL

The committee in charge of the annual masquerade ball of the Lincoln club requests that all participants in the grand march be in the hall at 8 o'clock, as the march will start promptly at 8.10. Although a large number of the members of the club are now in the national service and will be unable to attend, the committee reports that the party will be as successful as previous efforts. The party will take place tomorrow evening in Associate hall.

KEROSENE PRICE ADVANCED

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Standard Oil company of New York yesterday announced an advance of one cent a gallon in the price of kerosene for domestic use. The new prices are 11c in barrels and 10c tank wagon basis.

THOS. GRANT THOMPSON DEAD

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Dec. 11.—Thomas Grant Thompson, a retired paper manufacturer of Westfield, Mass., and a relative of former United States Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts, died at Berlin, during the night, of heart trouble.

EXTRA DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—An extra dividend of $2.50 a share on the common stock was declared yesterday by the Pacific Mail Steamship company, together with the customary semi-annual disbursement of 50c a share.

ASST. SECRETARY OF TREASURY

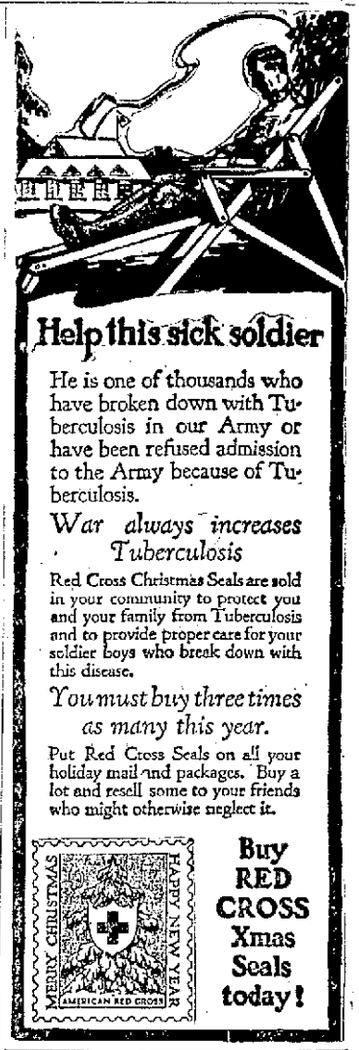
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Thomas D. Love of Dallas, Tex., was nominated yesterday to be assistant secretary of the treasury, to fill one of the new offices created for the war.

MRS. GERARD UNDER KNIFE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Mrs. James W. Gerard, wife of the former American ambassador to Germany, underwent an operation for appendicitis here yesterday.

LEE ARTHUR, PLAYWRIGHT, DEAD

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—Lee Arthur, playwright, died here as the result of an automobile accident ten weeks ago. He was 40 years old and a native of Shreveport, La.



Help this sick soldier

He is one of thousands who have broken down with Tuberculosis in our Army or have been refused admission to the Army because of Tuberculosis.

War always increases Tuberculosis

Red Cross Christmas Seals are sold in your community to protect you and your family from Tuberculosis and to provide proper care for your soldier boys who break down with this disease.

You must buy three times as many this year.

Put Red Cross Seals on all your holiday mail and packages. Buy a lot and resell some to your friends who might otherwise neglect it.

Buy RED CROSS Xmas Seals today!

ELKS' POP CONCERT, CABARET AND DANCE IN AID OF CHRISTMAS CHARITY

The committee in charge of the Elks' pop concert, cabaret and dance to be held at the Kasino in Thorndike street Thursday night in aid of Christmas charity is working hard in order to make the affair a monster success. The program will include a variety of dancing and entertainment. Miss Thelma Lu Craft of Boston, perhaps better known as Souja Monologue, the young girl who has started the Hub talking of her cleverness, will be among the headline entertainers. The program also will include classical dancers, artists from B. F. Keith's circuit and the Strand theatre, and in addition, such favorites as Walter Davis, Miss Bertha Dion, Walter Clough, Miss Alice Dion, Miss Margaret McDonough, Mrs. Florence Saxon, Ed. "Tip" Handley, Commissioner James E. Donnelly and others.

Keep in mind the fact that Bevo, being a soft drink, will freeze at 32° Fahrenheit—just like any other non-alcoholic beverage. Be careful about this, as freezing affects the rich fullness of that delightful Bevo flavor which goes so particularly well with a meal or a bite to eat.

If Bevo were merely a summer beverage this warning might not be so timely—but, as all who drink it know—

Bevo is an all-year-'round drink

Everybody enjoys it for more than just its thirst-quenching qualities—the pleasure it gives comes from its flavor, purity and wholesome nutritiousness—the enjoyment of these qualities is independent of time or season.

To get full pleasure out of Dutch lunches, Welsh rarebits, oysters, clams, lobsters, sausage, cheese and many other such delicious edibles, Bevo should be included.

You will find Bevo at inns, cafeterias, restaurants, groceries, department and drug stores, soda fountains, dining cars, steamships, canteens, soldiers' homes, navy, and other places where refreshing soft drink beverages are sold.

Your grocer will supply you by the case. Demand the genuine—have the bottle opened in front of you—see that the seal is unbroken covering the crown top and see that the crown top bears the Fox.

See that Crown Seal is intact — CAUTION — See that Crown Seal is intact

Bevo is sold in bottles only, and is bottled exclusively by

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Wholesale Dealers LOWELL, MASS.

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Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought has borne the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, and has been made under his personal supervision for over 30 years. Allow no one to deceive you in this. Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but experiments, and endanger the health of Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and, by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

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Dr. Masse Dr. Blanchard

BRITISH OFFICERS HERE ON WAY TO CHINA

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 11.—On a liner arriving here yesterday were twelve British army officers who said they were on their way to China on a military mission. They declined to hint at the nature of their task. With them were nearly 70 officers of the Canadian overseas forces on leave of absence.

COUNT VON LUXBURG, DISMISSED GERMAN MINISTER, GOES TO SANITARIUM

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 10.—Coun von Luxburg, the dismissed German minister to Argentine today entered a sanitarium to undergo treatment for a nervous disorder. This probably will further delay his departure from Argentine.

Cabaret and Dance, Associate, tonight.

Two Splendid Things

One is plenty of open-air exercise.

If you can't get all of that you should, it's all the more important that you should have the *other* tried-and-true remedy for a torpid liver and bowels that don't act freely and naturally.

Take one pill every night; more only when you're sure it's necessary.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS

Genuine bears Signature
Brent Good

Colorless faces often show the absence of Iron in the blood.

Carter's Iron Pills
will help this condition.

Denatured Alcohol

2½ quarts of alcohol in one gallon of water freezes at 20 degrees below zero. Protect your Auto Radiator.

Price Per Gallon **$1.15**

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U.S. SOLDIERS CHEER MRS. BELMONT IN FRANCE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 10.—(By the Associated Press.) Mrs. August Belmont of New York won the applause of several hundred soldiers who crowded the Y.M.C.A. building in the American field headquarters town to hear her relate her experiences while visiting the soldiers near the British and French fronts. She urged the soldiers to carry the American fighting spirit throughout the war.

The automobile in which Mrs. Belmont was traveling was several hours behind its schedule in arriving at headquarters. Instead of stopping for dinner, Mrs. Belmont went directly to the building where the soldiers had been waiting patiently. She was given a rousing cheer when she quoted this line from a play in which she appeared when she was Eleanor Robson:

"If things are not cheerful folks must be."

Mrs. Belmont later returned to Paris.

COLDEST DECEMBER 10 IN THIRTY YEARS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Low temperature accompanied by high winds continued here today with increasing numbers of reports of suffering due to the shortage of the coal supply. Yesterday, the coldest Dec. 10 in 30 years, made it impossible to bring 40,000 tons of coal—a two-day supply for Greater New York, across the bay from New Jersey, and dealers today continued to measure out their dwindling supply on the equal distribution plan.

Hospital accommodations for children were reported to be crowded, the result, according to charity workers, of unheated living rooms and to undernourishment due to the inability of parents to buy milk and other necessary foods. In scores of public schools the supply of coal is about exhausted.

NO VOTING LEAVE FOR CAMP DEVENS MEN

AYER, Dec. 11.—Orders received from Washington refusing to grant leaves of absence to soldiers of the National army at Camp Devens to vote at city and town elections were announced yesterday. Maj. G. M. Peek, division intelligence officer, said, however, that no objections would be made to soldiers voting here in camp if the various municipalities could arrange it. Hundreds of Boston and Worcester voters are affected by the order.

Women friends of soldiers were barred from the barracks of the cantonment on Sundays by an order issued from divisional headquarters yesterday. Soldiers have complained that visitors take up their only day of rest.

Zero temperature hindered training at the camp yesterday. It was 3 below at reveille and at noon the mercury had risen to only five above the zero mark.

MILITARY COLLEGE FOR FIREMEN AT AYER

AYER, Dec. 11.—A military college for firemen was opened at Camp Devens today under the direction of Lt. John F. McAree, chief of the cantonment's fire department. Twenty-five picked men of the half-hundred that compose the fire-fighting forces at the camp commenced study of chemistry, including the explosive value of chemicals, and a course in French, German and Italian.

This latest innovation in the training of New England's national army division is intended, according to Chief McAree, who saw many years of fire-fighting as a captain in the New York city department, to prepare the men for any emergency, including transfer for duty abroad. All the men in the camp's permanent department are former members of fire departments in 17 New England cities and towns. The new college will also give the men a chance to take a course in practical laboratory work and it is the intention to fit them so that when they return to civil life they will be available for higher positions in the fire departments which they left when they were drafted for military service.

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TUG WENT TO PIECES CREW PERISHED

DUNNVILLE, Ont., Dec. 11.—A lifeboat containing eight or nine men, apparently frozen to death, was reported off Port Maitland yesterday. Three tugs are searching for it.

The tug Archie V of Port Dover struck the Tecumseh reef Sunday and went to pieces in the storm. No survivors landed and it is presumed the drifting boat carried her crew.

Cabaret and Dance, Associate, tonight.

TWO FISHING VESSELS LOST

GLOUCESTER, Dec. 11.—Despatches to fisheries interests here today told of the loss of two Gloucester fishing vessels in a storm off the Nova Scotia coast last Friday. The schooner Joseph . Mesquita of 73 tons which was built only last year, was driven ashore and broken to pieces near Canso. The schooner Rhodora of 81 tons, went aground near Port Hawkesbury, C. B., and filled quickly. The crews of both craft were saved.

R.R. EMPLOYES WANT INCREASE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 11.—On the request of railway clerks, baggagemen and station employes of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad for changes in the wage and time schedules, it is expected that a conference of a committee of the employes with General Manager Willyn will be held shortly.

The request is for an increase of 75 cents per day, abolition of piece work, tonnage and bonuses, an eight-hour day schedule and a minimum wage of $2.50 a day.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

KEITH'S THEATRE

Do you ever get that creepy and yet enjoyable feeling that everything is nothing? That you are in a land where even the inhabitants are nothing more than flimsy clouds and fantasies? Well, that's the impression you get from the presentation of "Dream Fantasies," the headliner at the B. F. Keith theatre, this week.

Scenery that is wonderful in that it seems to deplet nothing and yet gives pleasure to the beholder, forms the setting of the act. One seems to see nothing but a maze of nebulous screens and almost transparent illusions. Then suddenly a dancer comes forth, but the only way you have of knowing that the dancer is a human being is by the motions it makes. For the rest, there is nothing but flimsy drapery that seems to begin nowhere and end in the same place.

The dancing numbers are given by an Appollo-like youth and several charming damsels—or should we call them fairies? Their numbers are supposed to be interpretative of—well, various things. You have to look on the program to know just what. But this very fact seems to carry out the atmosphere of bewitchery apd illusion which pervades the whole offering. This act is a tonic for ragged nerves and those not so ragged.

Johnny Jones, unobtrusive young man, and Marion Greenlee, who believes in the preservation of self, must be given second place on the bill without a whimper. The couple are would-be or rather have-been actors who are temporarily deprived of lodging because of the insistence of the lady of the company that her dog be given quarters in a hotel designed primarily for human beings. The twain argue strenuously and the audience laughs—strenuously. That's all that can be said about the act from the outside. You'll have to see it to get the innate good fun which pervades it.

"Roses" are usually associated with all that is happy and enjoyable in life. But in the offering portrayed last evening by Charles Schofield, Isadore Martin & Co., the thorny side of the flower was predominant for a while and then the roses assumed their true nature and cast an oder of fragrance about the act which ended just as audiences desire acts to end. The story told was that of a young girl who had just completed her "finishing" school course and was coming home to her uncle, a crabbed old bachelor whose hobby was cultivating roses. One Rose in particular he gave special attention to and that was his graduate niece. Another gentleman, Jack by name, also saw a lot of good things in friend Rose. He came to uncle and asked that he might have the flower in his garden forever. From there on there is action aplenty with a happy climax. An excellent setting is given the little sketch.

Dave Roth wears clothes, combs his hair and incidentally plays the piano. He is proficient in all three arts, but his work in the latter predominates. When he gets through you wish he would play some more and when he plays some more you wish he would never stop. David also talks and sings. He is good.

The Wills Brothers, one of them, at least, does all his work atop a high pole which is balanced either on the shoulder or chest of his companion. Their act is one of the best openers seen here for some time.

Gilmore and Castle are blackface entertainers who are on the job every minute and do a lot of versatile work.

"The Price Mark," featuring Dorothy Dalton, is the photo play of the week and is a gripping portrayal of New York artistic and social life. The Hearst-Pathe pictures are good and a number of war scenes are shown.

Seats may be obtained at the box office in advance. 'Phone 28.

OPERA HOUSE

The theatre-going public of Lowell is certainly being treated to a well-arranged variety of dramas at the Opera House this season, and each play is so staged and the parts so carefully and sympathetically taken that it is a real pleasure to witness each production, whether it be comedy or one of the heavier problem plays. The efforts of the Emerson players this week are bent on the successful presentation of an unusual play, full of thrills and mystery almost until the final curtain. "The Other Wife" is the tale of a seemingly perfect man, a mentioned candidate for governor of New York, whose character even defies the political X-ray, and whose home-life is ideal, after eighteen years of wedded bliss. A charming wife and a beautiful marriageable daughter complete the picture of an ideal home. But somewhere in the dim past, when but a youth of eighteen, he was the victim of an unscrupulous woman of the world who induced him to marry her that she might enjoy his father's wealth. When his father disowned him she deserted him for another man, and in despair he came to New York to forget his misery in work. He is accorded brilliant success in his efforts, marries a lovely woman and, in fact, after eighteen years seems to have all that a man could desire, when "The Other Wife," fresh from a jail sentence, appears on the scene. How he meets this trying ordeal, saves his family from disgrace, and brings all things to a happy conclusion is the most thrilling part of the story.

Mr. Robert Lawrence as Robert Bevington, the man in the case, is completely out-doing all former efforts and is certainly the star of the cast this week, in this very complicated part. Miss Sydney, as Mrs. Bevington Number 2, is her usual charming self, and succeeds in winning her audience in the opening scene. Isabelle, the daughter, (Miss Rotoli) as the piquant fiancee of Richard Bender, (David Dumbrille) is a refreshing type of the engaged girl of today, and her promised husband keeps the audience amused in his efforts to "ask father." A little comedy is instilled by the "Newlyweds and their baby," (Mr. Arthur de Lord and Miss Gladys McLeod), and Jerome Kennedy as "Boss" Riley also does his "bit" along this line. A very fine bit of acting was given by Claude Kimball as a Derelict, and the other minor parts were well sustained. As a whole, the play is something "different" and one which will surely make a big demand on teh sale of seats.

There will be afternoon and evening performances for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. Charles Wallace, of 669 Central street, was the holder of the lucky reserved seat coupon and was awarded a handsome hat from the store of Rose Jordan Hartford.

STRAND THEATRE

A feature of the program at the Strand theatre last evening, was the personal appearance of Arthur Ashley, the well and favorably known motion picture star, who interested his audience with a brief talk and who promised to return to this city Wednesday. Owing to the bad condition of the road from New York to Lowell, Mr. Ashley, who made the trip in his specially made Paige automobile, was delayed en route and arrived at the theatre a little late, but his explanation and excuse to the audience was satisfactory.

Mr. Ashley was introduced by Mr Seriero, general manager of the Park theatre in Boston. He told of his automobile trip from New York to Lowell and the many narrow escapes he had on the way, particularly in Providence, where one of the members of his party was tossed from the car when the machine skidded. "I make it a fast and hard rule to keep my engagement when possible," he said. "Under ordinary circumstances the Lowell engagement would have been temporarily cancelled, but I promised to be here on Monday and here I am—late, but nevertheless here." At the close of the performance, the artist held a brief reception in the lobby of the theatre and promised to return to Lowell Wednesday afternoon and evening.

The feature film at the theatre the first three days of the week is "Treasure Island," a recent picturization of Louis Stevenson's masterpiece. The picture unfolds one of the most enjoyable stories, which is wonderfully well presented. The film production is still better than the book story and that means a whole lot. The characters are well portrayed while the scenic effects are wonderful.

Harry T. Morey and Dorothy Kelley are both being featured in the clever production entitled "The Law Decides." The story is one of those tense, gripping recitals of events in the life of a young man and his wife whose happiness is marred by the presence of another woman. The play is unusually interesting and should appeal to loves of good drama.

The comedy presented on the screen this week is of the A-1 quality, while the Strand revue of current events includes views of showing methods employed by the government in its making of an army and navy. The educational feature is not only entertaining, but instructive as well.

The Symphony orchestra, under the direction of Conductor Arthur J. Martel, entertains with real music, while the organ numbers by Mr. Martel prove very enjoyable. The soloist of the week is Miss Margaret Milla Henry, who has a pleasing voice and sings enjoyable numbers.

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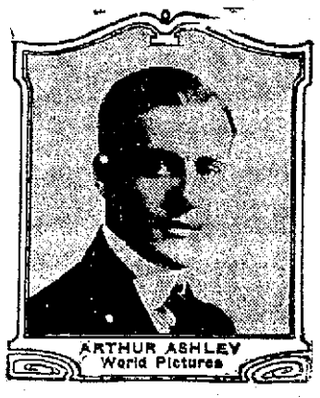

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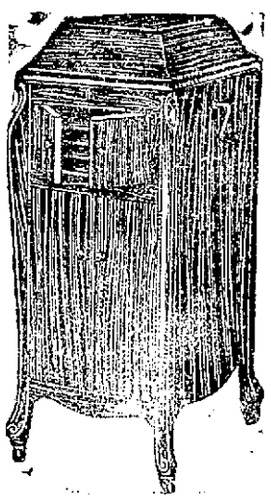

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BOYS CHARGED WITH ENTERING STORES

Henry J. De Foe, aged 16 years; Wesley C. Kenney, aged 16 years, and John J. Gargan, aged 14 years, were arrested late yesterday afternoon by Lieut. Martin Maher. They were charged with having made breaks into several stores within the past few days. The police claim that De Foe and Gargan are on parole from Shirley.

According to the police, the trio broke into the wholesale store of the C. P. Comerford Co., at 80 Chapel street, Saturday night and secured a small amount of money.

Sunday night, it is said that they broke into Edward Scally's bake shop at 647 Central street. An entrance was gained through a rear window. They took 90 cents in money and a quantity of cakes.

The Manhattan market at 714 Gorham street was also broken into Sunday night and $3 in money was taken from a drawer. In this place, like at the Comerford store, the contents of the store was scattered in every direction. An attempt to enter the provision store of Daniel Cosgrove at 169 Chapel street, was also made Sunday night, but the thieves were frightened away while attempting to open a window in the rear of the store.

Each of the young men was held under $300 bonds for appearance before the juvenile session of the police court on Friday morning.

MATRIMONIAL

Lieut. Thomas Mather of the Coast artillery corps, O.R.C., of Fortress Monroe and Miss Mary Janet Goodell were married Dec. 8 at the home of the bride, 271 Foster street by Rev. A. R. Hussey of the First Unitarian church. The bridesmaids were sisters of the bride, Misses Catherine and Elizabeth Goodell, while the best man was J. Hodge of Billerica.

Simpson—McMann

Alfred H. Simpson and Miss Mary A. McMann were married Dec. 8 at St. Peter's rectory, the ceremony being performed by the pastor, Rev. Dr. D. J. Kelehor. The bride wore a brown traveling suit with hat to match, and carried yellow chrysanthemums. The bridesmaid, Miss Doris Simpson, a cousin of the bride, was attired in a blue traveling suit and carried white chrysanthemums. The best man was Edward McMann, a brother of the bride. At the close of the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride, 143 Hale street, and present were guests from Rochester and Tilton, N. H., Norwich, Conn., and Boston. After an extended honeymoon trip, the couple will make their home at 193 Hale street.

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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD MEMBER CONDUCTS HEARING AT CITY HALL

David Dickinson, a member of the industrial accident board conducted a hearing at city hall this morning in the case of Sophronia Zervas, an employe of the Merrimack Mfg. Co. vs. the American Mutual Liability Assurance company, an action to recover under the workman's compensation act.

Mrs. Zervas received injuries to her leg while falling in the mill on May 15, 1917 and she claims compensation on the ground that she was in the performance of her duties when the accident occurred. The insurance company refused compensation on the ground that when the accident occurred the employe was fooling. The woman denies this, but fellow employes stated that she was running after another employe when she slipped and fell on the floor. F. H. Pearson represented the employe, while Francis A. Lavelle of Boston looked after the interests of the company. No decision was rendered.

Follow the crowd, Assoc. tonight.

DEBATE ON POST OFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Debate on the postoffice appropriation bill, first of the big supply measures of the session, began in the house today. The bill carries an aggregate of $333,000,000, including $1,200,000 for a censorship of European mails, but fails to provide for pneumatic tube service in large cities, an item upon which a sharp contest centered last year.

PENOBSCOT RIVER CLOSED

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 11.—The Penobscot river closed to navigation today, five days earlier than last year, and a day later than the average closing date for 99 years. Two Reading coal barges narrowly escaped being frozen in, having been towed out late last night.

600 AUSTRO - HUNGARIANS IN DRAFTED ARMY ASSIGNED TO DEPOT BRIGADE

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 11.—About 600 drafted men at Camp Lee, claiming to be Austro-Hungarian subjects have been separated from the various units to which they were assigned originally and put in the depot brigade. It was indicated they would be given police duty exclusively. The majority are from Pennsylvania, but a few are from West Virginia.

DR. ANDREW W. TRACY, 71, FORMER MAYOR OF MERIDEN, CONN. DEAD

MERIDEN, Conn., Dec. 11.—Dr. Andrew W. Tracy, 71 years old, mayor of this city in 1892, died last night at his home after a four months' illness. He was a native of Vermont and a graduate of McGill university.

TO RELIEVE SUFFERING OF DEPENDENTS OF SAILORS LOST WITH JACOB JONES

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—The Massachusetts auxiliary of the Naval Relief society already has taken steps to relieve suffering on the part of dependents of several of the sailors who lost their lives when the United States destroyer Jacob Jones was sunk by a German submarine. One family was found in very needy circumstances, and it was learned that the mothers of two Boston men had been entirely dependent on their sons for support.

JAPANESE TROOPS LAND AT VLADIVOSTOK

TIENTSIN, Dec. 11.—A Central News dispatch states that Japanese troops have landed at Vladivostok.

Chinese troops have entered Harbin to protect their nationals.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Unconfirmed reports that Japanese troops are in control of the great quantities of supplies piled up at Vladivostok for the Russian government created no surprise at the state department yesterday, where officials are under the impression that a small number of Japanese troops have been there for some time.

GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS Continued

improving their tactical positions. An apparently local attempt to cross the lower reaches of the Piave has been checked by the Italians who re-captured observation trenches taken by Austrian soldiers.

Official Entry into Jerusalem

Official entry into Jerusalem is planned for today. Allied troops entered the city after it was surrendered and the Turks were forced to surrender. Capture of the city was delayed through the fear that fighting operations might result in the damaging of religious shrines.

Situation Grave In Moscow

Meagre reports from Russia indicate that the Bolsheviki are meeting with difficulty in maintaining control of Moscow. The situation there is reported grave, with the Bolsheviki garrison refusing to obey its commander who has ordered machine guns placed in the streets in anticipation of an uprising.

A Copenhagen despatch says that the Bolsheviki have ordered troops from the Caucasus to put down Generals Kaledines, Korniloff and Dutoff while from London it is reported large forces are being sent from the Baltic-Blacksea front into the Ukraine and the Cossack provinces. The Bolsheviki government controls virtually all the direct means of communication with the interior of Russia.

Aviation Activities

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The official statement on aviation activities, issued tonight reads:

"On Saturday, rain prevented flying until the afternoon, when a certain amount of artillery work and reconnoitering was done. Our airplanes dropped bombs on hostile billets and fired many rounds at ground targets. Two of our airplanes are missing."

Chinese Troops at Harbin

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 11.—Petrograd newspapers report that Chinese troops have arrived at Harbin, Manchuria, to protect Chinese interests, according to the Berlingske Tidende.

Fighting In Moscow

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Street fighting has occurred in Moscow and the Swedish consul there has advised all Swedes to leave the city, according to advices received in Harparanda and forwarded by the Stockholm correspondent of The Morning Post. It is added that starvation seems to threaten Moscow. Most of the Swedes there are said to have taken the consul's advice.

Patrol Encounters

PARIS, Dec. 11.—"Patrol encounters occurred north of Bezonvaux (Verdun front) and near Tahire (Champagne)," says the war office statement today. "Active artillery fighting developed in some sectors of upper Alsace and Lorraine."

Fear Uprising In Moscow

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The situation in Moscow is reported to be grave, according to a Times despatch from Petrograd. The Bolsheviki, according to Petrograd newspapers, have placed machine guns in the streets as they fear an uprising of hostile parties. The garrison, however, shows signs of insubordination and is reported to be disobeying the Bolsheviki commander, a private soldier named Muranoff.

Considerable forces, the despatch adds, are being detached from the western front to be sent against the Cossacks.

Martial Law at Jerusalem

LONDON, Dec. 11.—No attempt will be made to define the future position of Jerusalem until a general peace comes, the Times says. In the meantime the city will be treated as in British military occupation and will be under martial law. Gen. Allenby will appoint a military governor. While the British flag will fly over the city the French and Italian flags will be placed over their national property such as convents and schools.

A solemn thanksgiving and Te Deum will be held in St. Paul's cathedral today in celebration of the surrender.

To Suppress Counter Revolt

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 10.—As the Bolsheviki government has proofs that Gens. Kaledines and Dutoff have been arresting workmen's and soldiers' councils and trying to disarm revolutionary garrisons, according to a despatch received here from the official Petrograd telegram bureau, the government has decided to make an end to the counter revolutionary movement. It has ordered enough troops to suppress the movement to be transferred from the Caucasus. It is explained that the troops in the Caucasus were chosen so as not to diminish the forces on the eastern front.

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Bl'k Raccoon Muffs $18.50
Red Fox Sets..... $35.00
Nutria Muffs..... $12.00
Kit Coney Muffs..... $6.75

Every high grade Fur in stock at special prices during this sale. Xmas Furs make the best gifts.

25 PLUSH COATS
Plain Fur Collar and fur trimmed styles, selling to $35.00. Choice.... $25.00
Sizes to 48.

CHERRY & WEBB

12-18 JOHN STREET

$75,000 FIRE AT HARTFORD

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 11.—Fire of undetermined origin swept the top floor of a five-story business block here early today, doing damage estimated at $75,000. About 1200 automobile tires were destroyed. The lower floors, occupied by R. S. Peck & Co., printers, and the Good year Tire & Rubber Co., were water-soaked. The building is owned by the Hartford Investment corporation.

BOY PUNISHED, DIES IN CLASSROOM

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 11.—Ernest Albert Miller, 7 years old, was detected by his teacher in some childish mischief in a classroom of the Sleepum school yesterday morning. She called in the principal, Miss Alice Mahler, and laid the case before here because she did not wish to take the responsibility of inflicting punishment.

Miss Mahler did not hesitate. She picked up a ruler and brought it down on the boy's hands. It is not charged she struck him severely, but the humiliation hurt him deeply.

He went back to his desk and laid his head on his arms. When efforts were made to arouse him a little later it was found he was dead. The boy was the son of George Miller, 37 Oak street, a tool setter. The boy had been under the care of a physician for a nervous affliction, a weak heart and rheumatism.

Miss Mahler denied herself to interviewers last night. Berlin W. Tinker, superintendent of schools, refused to discuss the case.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION ON U. S. SUBMARINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—News of an explosion on board the submarine A-2, resulting in the death of Joseph Schaefer, chief electrician of the boat, was received yesterday by the navy department. No details were given by the department's announcement.

Schaefer died from injuries after the accident. He was 23 years old and enlisted in the navy March 6, 1912, at Omaha, Neb., as an apprentice seaman. After being honorably discharged March 4, 1916, from the U.S.S. Iris, he re-enlisted May 19, 1916, as an electrician. His sister, Mrs. Clara Amen, lives at Hastings, Neb.

STEAMER SENDS OUT CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Officials of the Munson Steamship line here were still without advices today regarding the whereabouts of its steamer Mundale. The vessel, carrying 37 was reported last night as having sent out wireless calls for aid from a position about 50 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras. An oil steamer which caught these messages reported it could find no trace of the Mundale upon arriving at the position indicated. Hope was expressed by the officials that the steamship which asked for assistance was not the Mundale, which was in government service and bound for a southern United States port. They said they were unable to reconcile the distance between Philadelphia and Cape Hatteras, about 400 miles with the period which elapsed between the time of her departure from Philadelphia and the time the oil tanker picked up the wireless calls.

S. W. Zickefoose, director of public safety, at Wichita, Kan., will take most of his policemen out of uniform and put them in plain clothes. Only traffic policemen will wear uniforms. Mr. Zickefoose does not believe in advertising his patrolmen with brass buttons and bright stars.

DANCE With the American Glee Club
FRIDAY EVE., DEC. 14th
Associate Hall—Miner-Doyle Orchestra
ADMISSION ..... 25 CENTS

Lowell, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1917

A. G. POLLARD CO.

LOWELL'S BIGGEST AND BEST CHRISTMAS SHOP

Christmas Shoppers Can Do Their Bit

Everyone is patriotic, and by being a little more thoughtful our patriotism can be made most practical this holiday season.

Carry with you all small packages. Make sure that proper addresses are given on those bundles too large to carry.

Buy carefully and do not return goods.

Shop in the morning if possible. These are just a few of the things that can be done to help your country—all bear directly upon the resources of men and materials.

START YOUR GIFT GETTING NOW. Some gift things must be attended to at once. FANCY WORK that you're going to "do." STATIONERY with monogram plate must take time to be engraved. SILVERWARE and TOILET ARTICLES that are to be marked—bearing in mind that from the outside deliveries are slow.

TODAY

Is your last chance to secure the rare values in Muslin Underwear, Flannelette Underwear, Waists, Petticoats, Skirts, House Dresses and Children's Frocks, that are in evidence in the Ready-to-Wear Section in our

Great Underpriced Basement

ALSO NEW BARGAINS IN

Men's Wear and Domestics

MEN'S WEARABLES

A Large Assortment of Men's and Boys' Winter Underwear at Very Low Prices

Men's Underwear—Men's heavy fleece lined underwear, shirts and drawers, also heavy jersey ribbed in ecru, brown and blue, in odd lots, 69c to 75c value, at.....50c Each

Men's Underwear—Men's heavy ribbed shirts and drawers, white and ecru, also heavy fleece lined, at .....69c Each

Wool Process Underwear—Two cases of natural gray wool process shirts and drawers, nice and warm garment, 89c value, at 69c Each

Men's Underwear—Men's extra heavy mottle fleece lined shirts and drawers, also extra heavy ribbed shirts and drawers, $1.00 value, at .....75c Each

Men's Merino Underwear—Men's heavy wool merino shirts and drawers, natural gray, $1.00 value, at .....79c Each

Men's Natural Wool Underwear—Men's shirts and drawers, natural wool, nice warm garment, $1.50 value, at.....98c Each

MEN'S UNION SUITS

Union Suits—Men's jersey ribbed union suits, ecru, good quality, made of good comb yarn, $1.25 value, at.....$1.00 a Suit

Union Suits—Men's heavy fleeced union suits, silver gray, also heavy jersey ribbed, ecru. Special value, at.....$1.25 a Suit

MEN'S UNION SUITS—(Continued)

Men's Union Suits—Men's extra heavy mottled union suits, good warm garment. Special value, at.....$1.50 a Suit

BOYS' SHIRTS AND DRAWERS

Boys' Underwear—Boys' shirts and drawers, heavy fleece lined and persey, only 29c Each

Boys' Underwear—Boys' extra heavy fleece lined and jersey ribbed shirts and drawers, 50c value, at.....39c Each

BOYS' UNION SUITS

Boys' Union Suits—Jersey ribbed, silver gray, 50c value, at.....35c a Suit

Boys' Union Suits—Heavy jersey ribbed, silver gray, 75c value, at.....59c a Suit

Boys' Union Suits—Extra heavy fleece lined, at 79c a Suit

DRY GOODS SECTION—BASEMENT

Special Sale of Seamless Flannelette Sheets at Mill Prices

200 Extra Large Seamless Flannelette Bed Sheets—Good, soft fleeced and warm, size 80x90 inches, at.....$1.50 Each

150 Heavy Flannelette Seamless Bed Sheets—Warm and soft fleeced, size 66x80 inches, at .....$1.25 Each

Cotton Blankets for Single Bed at $1.00 Pair—300 pairs of cotton blankets for single bed, white and gray.

UNION MARKET

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FOOT OF SOUTH ST.

Little man driving cattle—
Don't you hear his money rattle?

A CASE OF RATTLES

You ought to hear the money rattle over our cashier's counter as satisfied customers pay for their purchase. A steady stream of them passed before the plate glass enclosure yesterday, and not one of them but wore pleased smiles, for they had not only saved money, but they had received the best that an expert marketman could select.

All this week we shall offer more tempting bargains and continue our fight against high prices. We cordially invite all thrifty housekeepers to pay a visit to the Big Market during this week, as we have many surprises in store for you.

From Producer to Consumer—Direct to Your Table

5000 Sugar Cured Hams, 8 to 12 lbs. weight, lb.....35c
Campbell's Soups 10c
Ritter's Ketchup 12½c
Legs Lamb, lb.....22c
Fores Lamb, lb.....15c
Lamb Chops, lb.....25c
Legs of Veal, lb.....15c
Veal Chops, lb.....18c
Veal Steak, lb.....25c
HAMBURGER STEAK, fresh ground, lb. 15c
Big variety of Soaps (including Castile), only, bar.....5c
20 Mule-Team Borax Soap...5c
Borax 12½c
Borax Chips 23c
½ bbl. Sacks of Flour....$6.25
3 lbs. Best Coffee (freshly ground and roasted).....50c

SPECIAL SALE ON CORNED BEEF TODAY AND WEDNESDAY, lb.....12½c
SPECIAL LOW PRICES ON FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
In Short—ECONOMIC PRICES Prevail Throughout the Entire Store.

ANNUAL REPORT OF U. S. TARIFF COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The United States tariff commission, which was organized for work April 1, 1917, has just submitted to congress its first annual report. The commission is charged with the investigation of the administration and the fiscal and industrial effects of the customs laws of this country, including their relation not only to the federal revenue but to the industries of the country. It has power, further, to investigate commercial treaties, preferential agreements and economic alliances, and the conditions and causes affecting the competition of foreign industries with those of the United States.

The commission submitted, during the extra session of this year, to the committee on ways and means of the house of representatives a report which recommended that congress should take steps analogous to those which other countries have taken, and which are there known as "padlock" laws, whereby proposed increases in duties and taxes should go into effect before the enactment of new revenue laws, but subject to their being finally passed. The method adopted by congress to attain the same end in the war revenue act of this year is to follow taxable articles into the channels of trade. But this does not reach smaller retail stocks and it has the further objection that it suddenly imposes great burdens and responsibilities on the bureau of internal revenue. The commission repeats its recommendation for permanent legislation on this subject.

The commission has undertaken the task of drafting a revision and codification of the administrative laws relating to the customs, in order to remove the existing duplications, contradictions and antiquated provisions. It has invited suggestions from treasury officials, others in the public service, and business men and attorneys. The commission hopes to present to congress a revision which, if approved and enacted into law, will result in clearness and simplification in the form and substance of the customs administrative laws, increased efficiency and greater convenience for the public, and a substantial saving of government expenditure. In this connection the commission is also investigating the question of free zones in ports as a means of expediting export trade and overcoming demurrage in ocean commerce.

The commission has undertaken to establish a catalogue of tariff information, somewhat in the nature of an encyclopaedia, which shall contain as far as possible data for each important article affected by the tariff. The data will include statistics on imports, exports, production, prices and cost of production, processes of manufacture and competitive conditions. This catalogue is to be kept continuously up-to-date. A part of the general plan will be the establishment of a tariff library in which will be kept books, pamphlets, letters from producers and importers, etc., classified and arranged for ready consultation in connection with the catalogue.

The commission is making a special survey of the chemical industry and expects to present to congress a detailed report showing the development of the industry and especially to those branches which have been most stimulated by the war. The investigation carried on by the commission will be especially devised so as to provide the information necessary for a legislative readjustment to peace conditions. By direction of the president the commission is taking the special census of chemical products made necessary by section 601 of the act of Sept. 8, 1916.

War disturbances, such as the effect of the war on the supply of raw materials, tendencies developing in different industries, new and increased establishments, changes in processes, and plans for readjustment after the war, are being specially considered by the commission.

The entrance of the United States into the European war has brought the activities of the commission, as those of every department of the government, into closer relation to war problems and conditions. Both our allies and our enemies are considering the possibility of commercial warfare, commercial neutrality and commercial alliance. The central powers are considering the arrangement of an economic union for Central Europe. Imperial preference has been actively discussed in England and in her self-governing colonies. Far-reaching possibilities are suggested by the results of the Paris economic conference which met in June, 1916, and which provided for a differential treatment between allied countries, neutral countries, and enemy countries. In the act creating the tariff commission, the commission was specifically empowered "to investigate the Paris economy pact and similar organizations and arrangements in Europe." The commission is preparing an extensive report on bargaining tariffs, commercial treaties and economic alliances. The United States never has had a consistent policy with reference to bargaining tariffs, whereas the countries of Europe have worked out several different systems. The tariff commission's report will provide the facts upon which congress may found a method for using the bargaining power in American tariffs, and also upon which American commercial treaties may be adjusted to meet the conditions of the modern world.

In all that it has undertaken the commission is working in harmony with other departments of the government, thereby avoiding duplication of effort.

WOULD STOP ALL OUT DOOR LIGHTING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Regulations limiting electric display advertising have failed to conserve the amount of fuel hoped for by the fuel administration, and a plan is under consideration to stop all outdoor lighting, save street lights, at least three nights a week.

Institution of "lightless nights" would snuff out entirely the white ways of cities which now are permitted to burn all lights for a period of two and one-quarter hours a night. It would darken on the nights to be named all window display lights, theatre fronts and directional signs on shops, hotels and restaurants.

On other nights there would be no restrictions whatever against any sort of lighting.

"The order of Nov. 9 now appears to be impracticable," said Fuel Administrator Garfield yesterday. "It restricted illuminated signs to certain hours, making reasonable exceptions of merchants' and theatre signs. The evidence of all eyes is that the streets of cities are virtually as light as before these special signs were darkened. State fuel administrators report in detail on the impossibility of getting results from the old order. They say it is the tens of thousands of old signs that count.

"'Lightless nights' would save coal in large quantities, according to information before the fuel administration.

"In every residence, apartment house and office building people would be asked to use not more than one-half the usual lighting."

WOMAN AT MEREDITH LEARNS U. S. AT WAR

MEREDITH, N. H., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Jessie Ide, who is canvassing for funds for the Y.W.C.A. war work, asked for a contribution from an elderly woman living here. The woman asked the purpose of raising the money, and when informed that it was to help our country in prosecuting the war she confessed she did not know this country was engaged in a conflict and knew nothing of the European war whatever. She explained she never read the newspapers, had few callers and none of them had ever mentioned the war.

INTERNATIONAL B. B. LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Before the annual meeting of the International baseball league owners began here today, E. G. Barrow, president, said that he would urge that none of the important matters awaiting decision be definitely acted upon until after the major leagues' meeting next February.

Suggestions that the number of clubs in the league be reduced from eight to six, that players' salaries be lowered and the playing season shortened are among the problems occasioned by the war awaiting the owners' attention. Every team was represented at the meeting.

Bright, Sears & Co.
WYMAN'S EXCHANGE
Bankers and Brokers
SECOND FLOOR

THE STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Indications that the government intends to take over the railroads of the country for the duration of the war were without material effect on shares of that group at the dull opening of today's stock market. Reactions among the rails were mostly fractional with here and there a loss of a point. Equipments, specialties and utilities were under further pressure, Pullman falling 3 points and General Electric 1 1-4 with a point each for American Tobacco and People's Gas. Foreign bonds continued to weaken, but Liberty issues were steady.

The early steadiness of rails proved of short duration, moderate offerings later causing declines of 1 to 2 points in the active issues, while Louisville & Nashville fell four points and Lackawanna 10. Pullman increased its loss to 6 points, tobaccos yielded 3 to 10 and equipments, oils and specialties 1 to 3. Foreign bonds reflected further liquidation, the French issues making new low quotations with Anglo-French 5s. Liberty 4s sold at 97.26 to 97.36, and the 3 1-2s at 98.48 to 98.52.

Standard rails led the further shrinkage of quoted values in the early afternoon on moderate but steady liquidation. Specialties were again materially affected, American Tobacco showing an extreme loss of 10 points and Sears-Roebuck 6 points.

Trading became very active in the final hour when the entire list recorded lowest prices. The closing was weak. Liberty 4s sold at 97.26 to 97.50 and the 3 1-2s at 98.48 to 98.52.

Cotton Futures

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Cotton futures opened firm. December, 29.65; January, 28.90; March, 28.75; May, 28.65; July, 28.23.

Futures closed steady. December 30.40; January 29.54; March 29.37; May 29.15, July 28.78. Spot steady; middling 31.00.

New York Clearings

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Exchanges, $629,837,807; balances, $54,573,504.

Money Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Mercantile paper 5 1-2@ 5 3-4. Sterling: Sixty day bills on banks 4.71 1-2; commercial sixty day bills 4.70 1-2; demand 4.75 1-4; cables 4.76 7-16. Francs: Demand 5.73 1-4; cables 5.71 1-4. Guilders: Demand 43; cables 43 1-2. Lires: Demand 8.24; cables 8.32. Rubles: Demand 13; cables 13 1-2. Bar silver 85 5-8. Mexican dollars 66 1-2. Government bonds firm. Railroad bonds weak.

Time loans firm; sixty days 5@ 5 1-2; ninety days and six months 5 1-2@5 3-4.

Call money strong, high 6, low 5 3-4, ruling rate 6; closing bid 5 3-4, offered at 6. last loan 6.

NEW YORK MARKET

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Allis Chalmers	17	16	16
Am Beet Sugar	70⅞	70⅛	70⅞
Am Can	34	32	32
Am Can pf	97½	97	97½
Am Car & Fn	65	63½	63½
Am Car & Fn pf	102¾	102¾	102¾
Am Cot Oil	24	23¾	24
Am Hides L Com	11⅞	11⅝	11⅝
Am Hide & L pf	53	51½	51½
Am Locomo	50½	49⅞	49⅞
Am Locomo pf	97½	97½	97½
Am Smelt & R	72¾	69⅝	70
Am Smelt & R pf	100⅞	100⅞	100⅞
Am Sugar Rfn	94½	94½	94½
Am Sumatra	55	53¾	53¾
Am Wool	42½	41½	41½
Anaconda	56¼	55	55
Atchison	82½	80	80
Atchison pf	80	80	80
Atlantic Gulf	95	93	93½
Baldwin Loco	54	52⅛	52⅛
Balt & Ohio	47	46¼	46½
Balt & Ohio pf	54	53⅞	53⅞
Beth Steel A	75½	72	72
Beth Steel B	75¼	72¼	72¼
Br Rap Tran	40½	39	39½
Cal Pete	12	12	12
Cal Pete pf	35½	31½	31½
Canadian Pa	132	127½	128
Cast I Pipe Com	12	12	12
Cast I Pipe pf	46	46	46
Cent Leather	62	60	60¾
Cent Leather pf	100⅛	100	100
Ches & Ohio	45¾	44½	44½
Chi & Gt W Com	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞
Chi & Gt W pf	20	20	20
Chic R I & Pac	18	17¾	17¾
Chile	14	13⅞	13⅞
Col Fuel	33	32½	32½
Consol Gas	89	89	89
Corn Products	29⅛	27⅞	27⅞
Corn Products pf	90½	90½	90½
Crucible Steel	52¼	50	50
Cuba—Cane Sugar	27¼	26½	26¾
Del & Hud	95½	92¾	93¾
Del L & W	180	180	180
Den & Rio G pf	34½	33¼	34½
Dis Secur Co	32¾	29	29½
Erie	14¾	14⅜	14⅜
Erie 1st pf	22	20¾	20¾
Erie 2d pf	17¼	17¼	17¼
Gen Elec	123¼	122⅞	123⅛
Gen Motors	86½	85	85⅞
Goodrich	36	35	35
Gt North pf	88¾	87½	87½
Gt N Ore ctf	25¼	24¼	24¼
Illinois Cen	93	90	90
Int Met Com	6½	6⅝	6⅝
Int Met Com pf	42⅞	42	42
Int Mer Marine	21½	20¼	20⅝
Int Mer Marine pf	92½	90½	91
Int Paper	23	22¾	22¾
Int Paper pf	55⅛	55⅛	55⅛
*Kennecott	30⅝	29½	29½
Kan City So	16¾	15¼	15¼
Kan City So pf	47¼	47¼	47¼
Kan & Texas	4½	3	3
Kan & Tex pf	7½	7½	7½
Lackawanna Steel	79¾	77½	77¾
Lehigh Valley	53¼	53	53
Louis & Nash	112⅞	108	108
Maxwell	24	23¼	23¼
Maxwell 1st	53¼	52½	52½
Maxwell 2d	19	19	19
Mex Petroleum	74⅝	73¼	73⅝
Missouri Pa	23⅛	21¾	21¾
*Nat Lead	42¼	42¼	42⅛
Nat Lead pf	99½	99½	99½
N Y Air Brake	102	101¼	101¼
N Y Central	66½	64⅞	65
Nor & West	101½	99	99
North Pacific	83⅞	82½	82½
Out & West	19¾	19⅜	19⅜
Pacific Mail	26¾	25⅞	25⅞
Pennsylvania	44½	43⅞	44
People's Gas	37½	36½	36½
Pitts Coal	43½	43½	43½
Pressed Steel	51	50	50
Pullman Co	115	109⅞	111
Ry St Sp Co	43	41	41
Reading	68½	65½	66¼
Rep Iron & S	74⅞	72¼	72¼
Rep I & S pf	94	94	94
Sloss-Sheffield	38	37¾	38
So Pacific	81⅜	79	79
Southern Ry	24⅛	23	23⅛
Southern Ry pf	56	54⅞	54⅞
St. Paul	38⅛	36¾	36¾
Studebaker	42¾	41	41
Tenn Copper	12½	12½	12½
Texas Pac	14¾	14¾	14¾
Third Ave	16	16	16
Union Pacific	110	107⅜	107⅜
Union Pac pf	71	71	71
U S Ind Alcohol	108¼	105½	106½
U S Rub	50	48¼	48¼
U S Rub pf	95⅞	95⅞	95⅞
U S Steel	87¾	85	85⅜
U S Steel pf	106⅞	105¾	105⅞
U S Steel 5s	97⅞	97	97
Utah Copper	77½	76⅛	76¾
Va Chem	32½	32½	32½
Wabash A	39¼	38⅛	38⅞
Wabash B	19½	19¼	19¼
Willys Overland	79¾	77½	77¾
Westinghouse	37½	36½	36½
Western Un	78⅛	76⅞	77
Wis Cen	32¼	32¼	32¼

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BOSTON, Dec. 11.—The local stock market was comparatively dull this morning with scant interest in coppers. Price changes were irregular.

BOSTON MARKET

Stocks	High	Low	Close
RAILROADS			
*Boston & Albany	125	125	125
Boston Elevated	30⅞	30⅞	30⅞
Bos & Maine	21	21	21
Fitchburg pf	49	49	49
N Y & N H	28¾	28¼	28⅞
MINING			
Adventure	1¼	1¼	1¼
Ahmeck	79	79	79
Alaska Gold	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛
Algomah	25	25	25
Allouez	51	51	51
American zinc	12½	12½	12½
Arcadian	1¾	1¾	1¾
Ariz Com	10½	10½	10½
Butte & Superior	16⅞	16⅞	16⅞
*Cal & Arizona	63	63	63
Cal & Hecla	520	520	520
Centennial	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝
Chino	42	41½	41½
Copper Range	42	41¼	41¼
Daly-West	2	2	2
Davis Daly	4¼	4¼	4¼
E. Butte	9	8¾	8¾
Franklin	4½	4½	4½
Granby	67	67	67
Greene-Cananea	38	38	38
Hancock	8	8	8
Indiana	1¼	1¼	1¼
Inspiration	41⅝	51⅝	41
Isle Royale	23	23	23
Kerr Lake	23½	23½	23½
Lake	5½	5½	5½
La Salle	2½	2	2
Mass	6½	6½	6½
Mayflower	1¼	1¼	1¼
Miami	27	26½	26¾
Michigan	3	3	3
Mohawk	57½	57½	57½
Nevada	18⅜	17¾	18
New Idria	13	13	13
Nipissing	8⅜	8⅜	8⅜
North Butte	13¼	12½	12½
No. Lake	50	50	50
*Old Dominion	37	37	37
Osceola	56¾	56¾	56¾
Quincy	66	66	66
Ray Con	22½	21⅞	21⅞
Santa Fe	50	50	50
Shannon	5¾	5¾	5¾
Shattuck Ariz	17½	17½	17½
*St. Mary	49	49	49
Superior	5	5	5
Superior & Boston	2¾	2¾	2¾
Trinity	3⅞	3¾	3⅞
Tuolumne	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛
U S Smelting	44⅝	44½	44⅝
U S Smelting pf	45	45	45
Utah-Apex	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛
Utah Cons	11¼	11¼	11¼
Wolverine	33	33	33
TELEPHONE			
Am Tel & Tel	103⅛	101¼	101¼
New Eng Tel	101	100	100
MISCELLANEOUS			
Am Ag Chem Com	79¾	79	79¾
Am Ag Chem pf	92½	92½	92½
Am Pneumatic	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞
Am Pneu pf	9	9	9
Am Woolen	42½	41½	41½
Am Woolen pf	89	89	89
Island Creek Coal	53	53	53
Mass Elec	1½	1½	1½
Mass Elec pf	8½	8½	8½
Mass Gas	78	78	78
Mass Gas pf	64	64	64
Pond Creek	17⅝	17½	17⅝
Swift & Co	120	117¼	117¼
United Fruit	116	114	116
United Sh M	41	40	40¼
United Sh M pf	26	26	26
Ventura	4⅞	4⅞	4⅞
BONDS			
Am Tel & T 4s	86⅝	86⅝	86⅝

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of Hannah M. Downs, late of Dunstable, in said County, deceased:

Whereas, Charles P. Smith, the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-seventh day of December A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Patrick Joyce, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by John Joyce, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-sixth day of December A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

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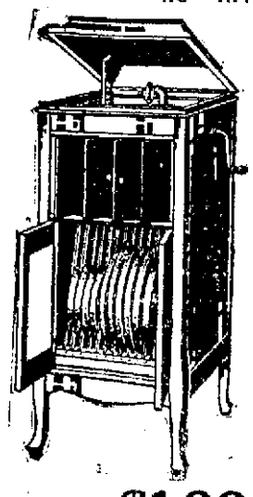

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TO COMMANDEER COAL IN OHIO

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 11.—Failing to hear from a similar request made to Dr. Garfield, federal fuel administrator yesterday and again today, Gov. Cox of Ohio this afternoon appealed directly to President Wilson for authority for the Ohio fuel administrator to commandeer coal in transit through Ohio for domestic use.

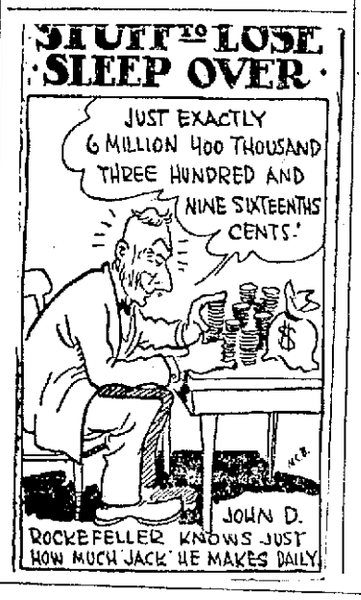
$15,000 FOR HALIFAX SUFFERERS

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 11.—Announcement was made today by the public safety committee that $15,000 has been raised here for the Halifax sufferers in cash and pledges. This is in addition to supplies that have been forwarded.

COUNT CZERNIN AT BERLIN

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Telegraph sends a report that Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, arrived in Berlin on Sunday. (A Vienna message by way of Amsterdam on Monday said Count Czernin's visit to Berlin had been cancelled because of his sudden illness).

The correspondent believes the visit means that Austrian divisions freed from the Russian front will be used on the western front.



Y. W. C. A. CAMPAIGN NEARING CLOSE

The campaign for $5000 in Lowell for the Y.W.C.A. is drawing close to the desired amount and the campaign committee announced this afternoon that a total of $4506.25 had been raised to date.

Following are some recent subscriptions which have not yet been acknowledged:

$50—Mrs. Frank Hanchett.

$25—Mrs. Perry D. Thompson, Mrs. Fred C. Church, Mrs. Haven Perham, Miss Abbie Morrison.

$20—Mrs. William Mitchell.

$10—Miss Christine Cushing, King's Daughters of the Highland Congregational church, Mrs. A. W. Crocker, Mrs. Joseph Griffin, Mrs. A. H. Morton, Mrs. C. B. Redway, Mrs. Jennie Kimball, Mrs. Winslow Clark.

$5—Miss Carrie Bailey, Anonymous, Mrs. Robert Elliot, Mrs. L. I. Hunt, Mrs. G. Forrest Martin, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Howard Jewett, Mrs. Fred Fox, Mrs. Frank Cowdrey, Mrs. L. A. Harvey, Anonymous.

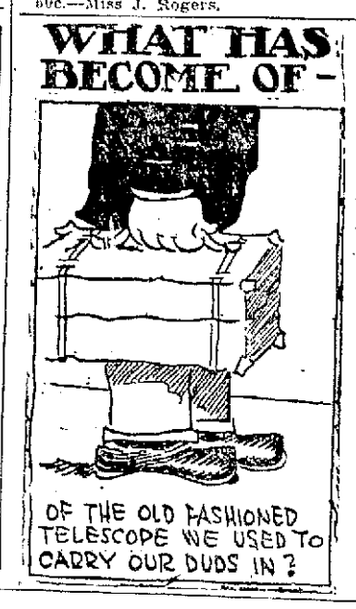
$4—Mrs. Edwin Shaw.

$3—Mrs. J. W. B. Shaw, Miss Bertha Morrow, Miss Elizabeth Paterson.

$2—Mrs. J. W. Anderson, Mrs. Frank Coburn, Mrs. Constantine O'Donnell, Mrs. B. F. Freeman, Mrs. Charles Eyleath, Mrs. Thomas G. McGannon, Mrs. H. A. Lambert, Mrs. George Knowles, Miss Clara McLean and Miss Helen Lambert.

$1—Mrs. M. W. Proctor, Mrs. P. W. Reilly, Mrs. G. Francke, Mrs. William Cooke, Mrs. F. F. Munn, Mrs. C. S. Pottingill, Miss Reilly, Miss Annie Foote, Miss Lena Cooke, Miss Harriett Rea, Miss Julia Burnham, Miss Lucia L. Bell, Miss Davis, Miss Ellen Floyd, Miss Rachael McKnight, three anonymous subscriptions, Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. D. Swan, Mrs. J. Hunnewell, Mrs. A. Swapp, Miss Sara Ames, Miss Helen Swain, Miss Grace Washburn, Miss M. Breene.

50c.—Miss J. Rogers.



500 RETIRED OFFICERS RECALLED BY NAVY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Among 500 retired navy officers, recalled for duty yesterday, are many of the best-known commanders of recent years.

Rear Admirals Winslow, Badger, Howard, Osterhaus and Beatty, all of whom commanded fleets, are among the number, as is Capt. Templin M. Potts, who was the storm center of a controversy when he was "plucked" under the old system, in 1913. Nearly 140 resigned officers have returned to the service, also.

The retired officers recalled for duty include 23 rear admirals, 18 commodores and 34 captains.

Few People Know This

Large doses of pills for the liver are not as efficient as small doses.

The big dose purges its way through the system fast, but does not cleanse thoroughly.

The small dose (if *right*) acts gently on the liver, and gives it just the slight help it needs to do its own work, and do it well.

Take one pill regularly, until you *know* you are all right.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS

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Colorless faces often show the absence of Iron in the blood.

Carter's Iron Pills will help this condition.

INTERNED SOLDIERS INVENT EXCITING SPORT TO PASS TIME AWAY IN SWITZERLAND.

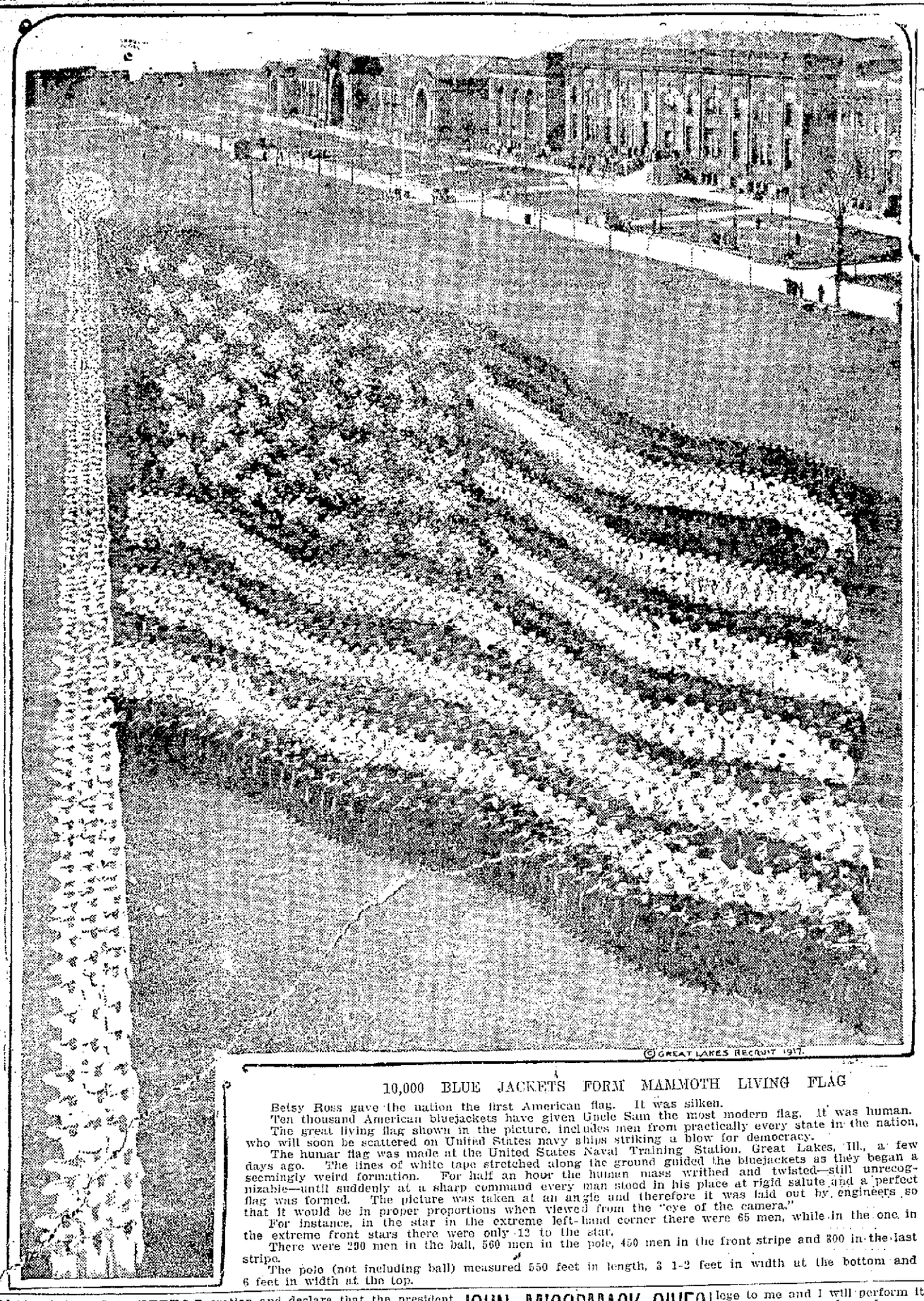
If you were an interned soldier in Switzerland, with nothing to do but watch the papers and see how your comrades were getting on at the front you had left not so long ago, what would be the first thing you would seek to relieve the monotony and make you forget your own helplessness?

Excitement, of course!

And that's the reason why French, Italian and German interned soldiers have invented a brand new game on the ice fields of the Switzerland winter resorts.

They have combined the Scandinavian sport of skiing with ice racing and by attaching light harness to the saddle of the swift racing horses are drawn along over the snow at high speed.

Skiing itself is no mollycoddle sport, but the way they practice it in the Swiss Alps gives the expatriates all the excitement they desire.



10,000 BLUE JACKETS FORM MAMMOTH LIVING FLAG

Betsy Ross gave the nation the first American flag. It was silken.

Ten thousand American bluejackets have given Uncle Sam the most modern flag. It was human.

The great living flag shown in the picture, includes men from practically every state in the nation, who will soon be scattered on United States navy ships striking a blow for democracy.

The human flag was made at the United States Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., a few days ago. The lines of white tape stretched along the ground guided the bluejackets as they began a seemingly weird formation. For half an hour the human mass writhed and twisted—still unrecognizable—until suddenly at a sharp command every man stood in his place at rigid salute and a perfect flag was formed. The picture was taken at an angle and therefore it was laid out by engineers so that it would be in proper proportions when viewed from the "eye of the camera."

For instance, in the star in the extreme left-hand corner there were 65 men, while in the one in the extreme front stars there were only 12 to the star.

There were 290 men in the ball, 560 men in the pole, 450 men in the front stripe and 300 in the last stripe.

The pole (not including ball) measured 550 feet in length, 3 1-2 feet in width at the bottom and 6 feet in width at the top.

LOWELL MEN AT AYER ARE QUARANTINED

AYER, Dec. 11.—More than 300 soldiers at Camp Devens will be cut off from any opportunity of home leave for Christmas, because of quarantine regulations put into effect today, after the discovery of two cases of measles, one in the 24th company of the depot brigade and the other in Company G of the 302nd infantry. The quarantine will last 21 days. The men affected include some from Lowell, Worcester, New Bedford, Plymouth and Cape Cod towns.

Announcement was made today of the arrival of 50 men from the depot brigade at Fort Day, Governors Island, N. Y., where they had been transferred. Nothing was said as to the duty to which they will be assigned.

EXPLOSION AT NEWPORT, R. I. FUSE FACTORY

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 11.—There was a flash in a pan of explosive used for fuse making at the fuse factory at the torpedo station this morning which gave a scare but caused no damage and there was no one hurt, according to reports from the captain's office.

A couple of hundred girls are employed in the factory. The station fire department was turned out but there was no work for it to do.

RESIGNS FROM LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Lack of sympathy with the war policy of the League to Enforce Peace of which William H. Taft is president, has caused Robert H. Gardiner of Gardiner, Me., to resign as state chairman of the Maine branch of the organization, it was announced here today. In a letter accepting Mr. Gardiner's resignation, William H. Short, secretary of the league wrote:

"The league has so often both declared and demonstrated that it is not a pacifist organization that we are somewhat surprised that one of our state chairmen should only now have discovered the fact."

Mr. Gardiner in his letter charged that the league "seems to have now no policy except to join officially in the effort to crush Germany. It may be that it is necessary that Germany should be crushed but I cannot see in that any reason why the league should abandon its original object. The recent appeal of Lord Lansdowne, whether it succeeds or fails, is one example of what the league might have done in an effort to remain true to its original principles."

Secretary Short in his letter said the league does not share with Lord Lansdowne's views. "We feel bound, on the contrary," he wrote, "to use our entire influence against the German scheme for a premature peace, believing that a peace made with the unrepentant Germany would be permanently fatal to the world's liberties and tranquillity."

POINTS IN GERMANY'S PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times attributes to a responsible source the statement that during the informal conversations between the Russian and German representatives at Brest-Litovsk regarding the armistice on the eastern front the Germans indicated that the following points were likely to be included in any of their peace negotiations:

Germany to have control of the Russian wheat market for 15 years.

All German goods to be admitted to Russia duty free.

No territory now occupied by Germans to be surrendered.

The correspondent says the Bolsheviki were disappointed by the reserved attitude of the German negotiators and their lack of sympathy with political idealism. Other causes contributed to their depression, but it is stated they are determined to conclude an armistice at any cost if the latest appeal by the Russian commissioners to the allies fails.

CALL OFF STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Difficulties which threatened a strike of 2300 telegraphers employed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and a tie-up of traffic on one of the country's most important munitions and coal-carrying roads were settled today by the federal board of mediation and conciliation under the direction of Commissioner G. W. W. Hanger.

A basic 8-hour day and increased pay for overtime work were the most important concessions gained by the men. Questions of pay for all Sunday work and a general 20 per cent. increase in wages will be arbitrated.

Today's settlement is regarded by the Order of Railway Telegraphers as confirming the principle of an eight-hour day for operators, which had been established through demand made on western roads. It has been intimated that the separate demands on individual roads are the result of the union's determination to make the principle effective throughout the United States and the demands on other transportation lines are expected to develop soon.

LICENSE ISSUE FEATURE OF TODAY'S ELECTION

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—The gain made by the license forces in Massachusetts city elections last week, lent an added interest to the elections held in 16 more municipalities today. In twelve of the cities mayors were to be elected and in several instances there had been sharp campaigns.

Lynn entered upon a new form of government, having recently rejected the commission plan in favor of a mayor and eleven councillors. In Newton, all parties endorsed Mayor Edwin O. Childs for re-election.

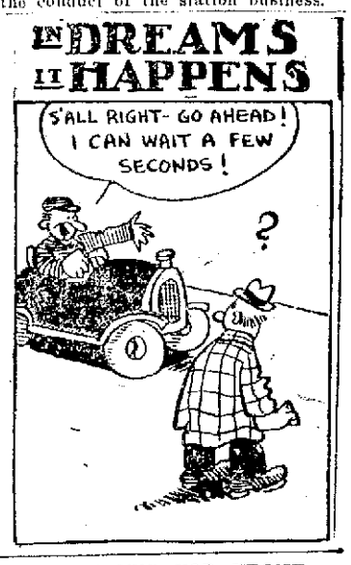
The cities voting were Attleboro Beverly, Chelsea, Everett, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Newburyport, Newton, Revere, Somerville, Woburn and Worcester.

Sun want and opportunity adlets produce results.

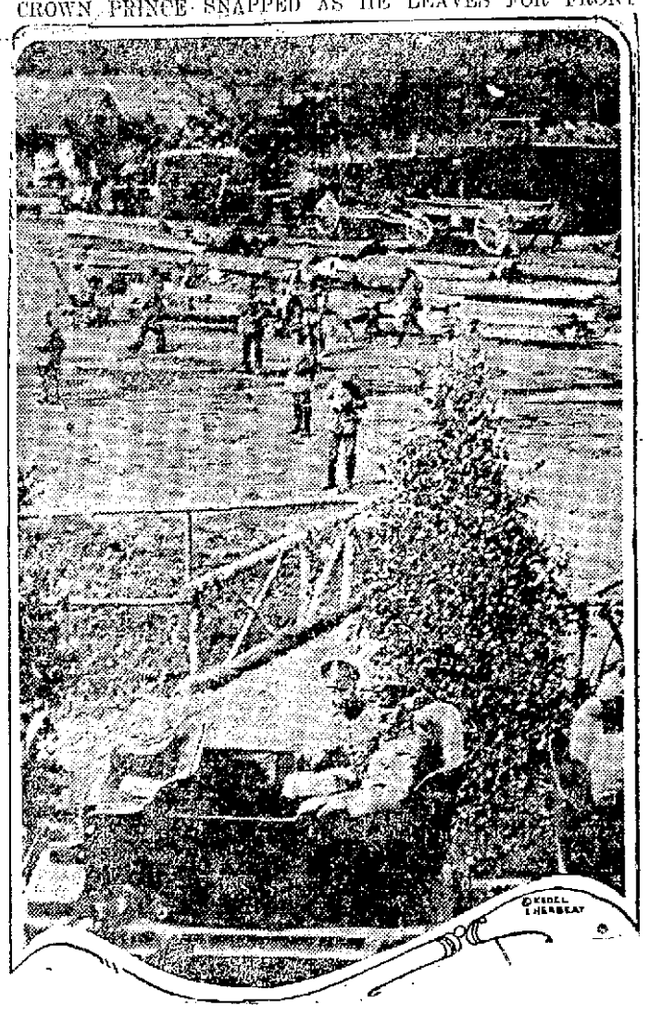
BRICKLAYERS WANTED FOR U. S. ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Instructions to enlist in the army as many bricklayers as possible have been sent to recruiting offices throughout the country. These men will be sent to a concentration camp in the south for a short time and then to France to work on American airdromes. Attention was called to the advisability of getting these men into service before Friday when the law preventing men within the draft age from volunteering becomes effective.

Mrs. Julia A. Laughlin has the position of station master at Ames, Ia. She has absolute charge of the station and attends to selling tickets, taking charge of the mail and baggage, and to all matters that arise in the conduct of the station business.



CROWN PRINCE SNAPPED AS HE LEAVES FOR FRONT



Here's the first picture of the German crown prince to reach this country since America went into the war. It shows Bill Hohenzollern's eldest son, seated with the Prince of Hesse in a tramway car, on the light railway leading from the "Kronprinz's" headquarters to the battlefield. This photo was in the possession of a German prisoner captured by the French near the crown prince's sector in the Argonne forest.

SPECIAL LAW TO EFFECT RAILROAD UNIFICATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Wilson's intention to ask congress for special laws to effect railroad unification for the duration of the war, gave a new aspect today to the transportation problem faced by congressional leaders, war administrators and railroad executives. The president probably will ask for the legislation in an address to congress before the holiday recess.

Although there was nothing to show that the president had confided his full intentions and officials were doubtful as to just what he might ask, most of his advisers favor government operation and declare that the president already has power by the army appropriations act to take over the roads under an administrator.

Railroad opposition to governmental operation, well understood by officials, was emphasized again yesterday in a letter to Senator Newlands from Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the railroad war board. The letter said the roads did not seek repeal of legislation, believing the co-operative use of facilities already put in operation would solve the problem.

Nor, the letter said, did they seek a loan from the government, but rather asked government aid in obtaining new capital for them on their own credit. Other measures suggested by Mr. Harrison to bring about maximum efficiency were increased rates, priority for transportation of railroad equipment and material, the appointment of a traffic manager for government shipments and exemption from draft of railroad employes.

JOHN M'CORMACK GIVES $100,000 TO RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A gift of $100,000 to the Red Cross from John McCormack, the tenor, was announced today. Paying his own expenses he will make a patriotic concert tour from the Atlantic to the Pacific, opening in Washington, Dec. 18, with a concert which the president and Mrs. Wilson have announced they will attend.

"I will keep on singing until I have earned $100,000 which the American Red Cross may use as it sees fit," said Mr. McCormack in making his offer. "The work will be a privilege to me and I will perform it with an enthusiasm such as I never have felt before."

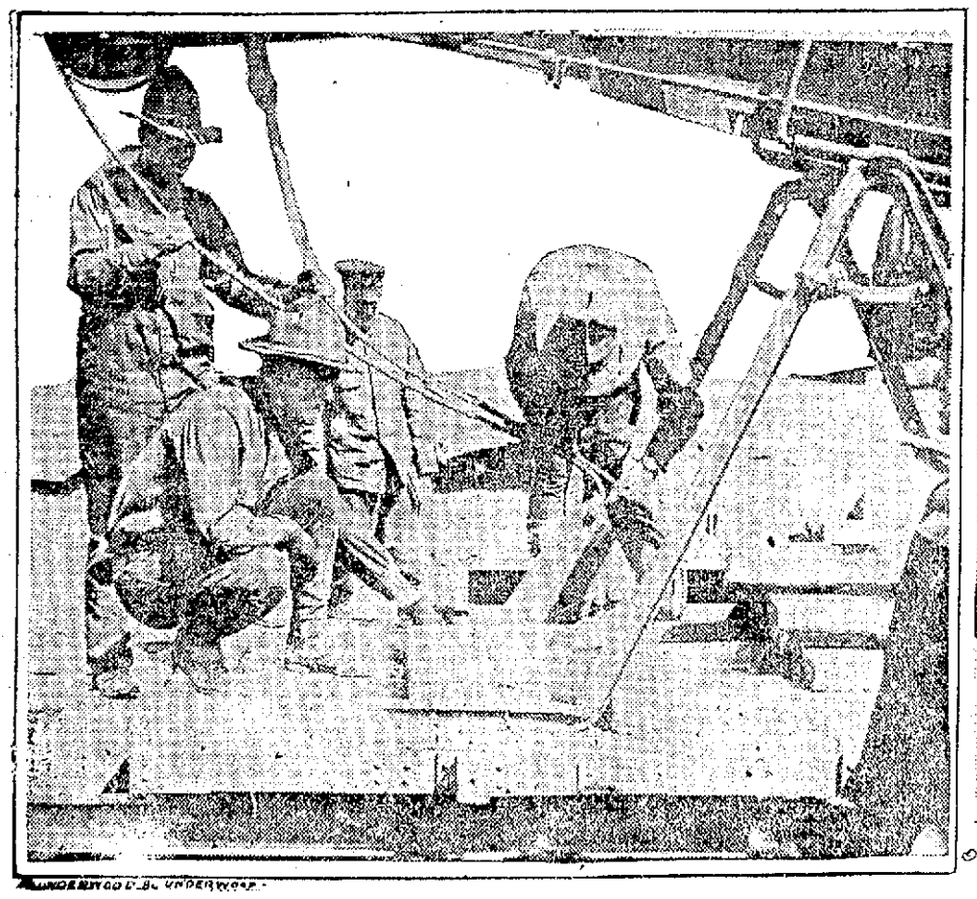
WITH THE FIREMEN

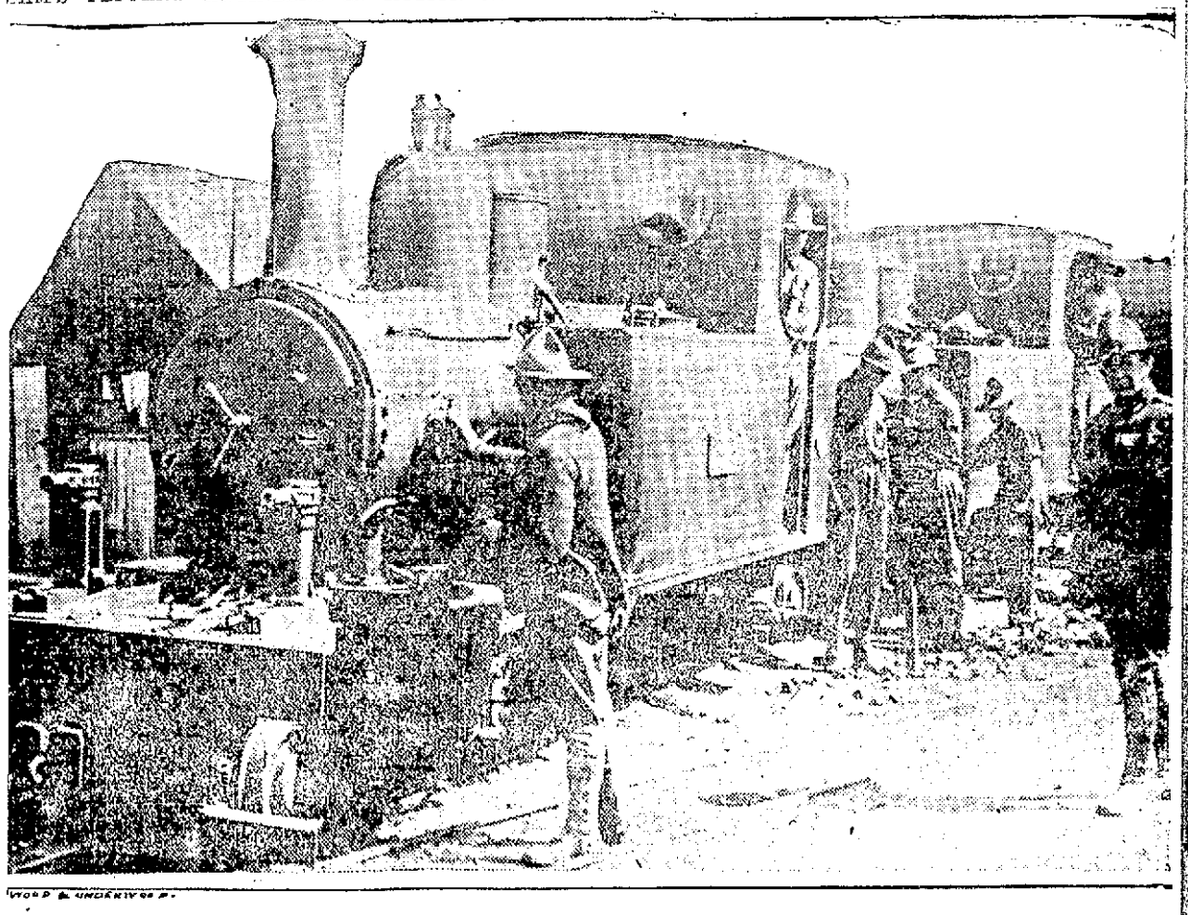
An alarm from box 622 at 3.50 o'clock this morning, summoned a portion of the fire department to a slight blaze in the block numbered 801 Lakeview avenue, owned by Mrs. Eliza Riopelle. The fire was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

At 4.30 o'clock this morning, Hose 3 was called to a store at 410 Market street, where there was a slight blaze in a pile of sawdust. There was no damage done outside of the burning of a small hole in the floor. The fire was evidently caused by a cigaret stub which was carelessly thrown on the floor and swept into a pile of sawdust.

At 7.52 o'clock this morning, Hose 11 was called to the hardening room of the United States cartridge company in Andrews street, where there was a slight blaze. Oil leaking through pipes leading into an oven became ignited when the fire under the oven was started this morning. There was no damage.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS FROM WESTERN FRONT SHOWING UNCLE SAM'S PEPPERY ENGINEERS IN ACTION IN FRANCE





American pep and speed have won for these American engineers on the western front the admiring commendation of all British officers who have observed their work.

These are British official photographs showing the U. S. engineers in action within sound—and range—of the German guns, behind the British lines in France.

The picture on the left shows the American boys hard at work on a light railway. The Americans are engaged both in construction and operation of these rail lines. Their thorough knowledge of their job, particularly of construction, is invaluable to the British.

Of course they don't work ALL the time—they have to eat. But the middle picture shows that they flop on the ground near their work, to grab lunch with the least possible loss of time.

The photograph on the right illuminates the phrase "light railways." But you will notice if you examine the picture carefully that this choo-choo is sturdy and though small, apparently capable of pulling a considerable load.

These are the engineers with which Lowell's company, Co. B, Capt. F. C. Pelletier, is a part.

LOWELL WINS BEST GAME OF SEASON

A.M. POLO LEAGUE STANDING

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Lowell	8	4	66.7
Worcester	7	5	58.3
Taunton	5	5	50.0
Providence	4	5	44.4
Brockton	3	5	37.5
Lawrence	4	8	33.3

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

Lowell 4, Brockton 3.
Providence 9, Worcester 8.
Lawrence 3, Brockton 2.

"The best game of the season and one of the best polo games ever played.

That's what they all said, as the fans walked out of the Rollaway rink last night, after the spectacular 4 to 3 victory scored by Lowell over the scrappy Taunton team.

The game was a thriller from start to finish, replete with action and just enough roughness to bring the fans and fanettes to their toes during the three periods. The visitors are a peppery bunch, and with the man who manufactured "pep," Jesse Burkett, officiating, there was absolutely nothing to be desired in that line.

The third period of last night's game will go down in history as one of the most remarkable garrison finishes recorded in the books. Lowell was literally "up against the wall," but the old reliable Griffith came to the front and with a mighty smash, caged the goal that broke the tie, and brought victory to the home boys.

The game started off with both teams, employing their full strength, and after the first minutes of play, all in the rink were convinced that they were in for a strenuous battle. They got it. With Harkins, Oldham and Griffith working a brilliant offensive, and Carrigan and Allard, playing a great defensive game, the period passed into history without either team counting. The second period found Lowell jumping into the lead, with two goals, one by Harkins and the other by Griffith.

Then that third period, that session of action, aggressiveness and excitement. The Taunton players did not quit with Lowell apparently having the game sewed up. Far be it. Why the lead only made them more scrappy. They went into the session determined to wipe out the lead, and they became very strenuous in their efforts. They kept Burkett on the jump throughout, and several times the going got so rough, that Jesse halted the game to caution the offenders. After one minute of play Trulson of Taunton caged the pill. This did not cause much excitement, but a little over five minutes later, Freeland came to the front, and shot in one that tied the score. Here the fans rose en masse, and they yelled and pleaded for a Lowell score. The ball was spotted and the whistle blown, Freeland won the rush, and in a shorter time than it takes to tell it, or just six seconds, he registered a goal, which put Taunton in the lead. The crowd again appealed to the Lowell men to come through. In just 24 seconds Griffith landed one that made the score three all. Here the crowd went wild, and the fever proved contagious. The players contracted it and they went at each other with a physical display seldom seen in polo. With each clash came a clamor for a Lowell win. With practically every one in the hall standing and yelling frantically, Griffith again came forth and ripped off one from the centre that got by Allard and gave a well earned and strenuously contested game to Lowell by the score of 4 to 3.

Griffith was the star performer, getting three of Lowell's four goals and also giving a great exhibition of how the game can and should be played. His old side partner, Harkins, played his usual brilliant game, while the others on the Lowell team did their bit. For Taunton, Freeland and Trulson proved a very capable pair of rushes, and Dufresne, Carrigan and Allard worked hard on the defensive. The visitors showed that they are a great team, and while defeated they were by no means disgraced. The score:

Lowell—4	3—Taunton
Oldham, 1st r	1st r, Freeland
Harkins, 2d r	2d r, Trulson
Griffith, c	c, Dufresne
Fennell, hb	hb, Carrigan
Purcell, g	g, Allard

(First Period).

Caged by, won by — Time
No score.

(Second Period).

Harkins, Lowell — .50
Griffith, Lowell — 5.47

(Third Period).

Trulson, Taunton — 1.05
Freeland, Taunton — 5.20
Freeland, Taunton — .06
Griffith, Lowell — .24
Griffith, Lowell — 2.46

Summary: Score—Lowell 4, Taunton 3. Rushes: Lowell 7, Taunton 3. Stops: Purcell 19, Allard 29. Referee, Burkett; timer, Sullivan.

Polo Notes

Lowell continues to show the way.

Griffith could have anything he wanted from that crowd last night.

Next Friday night, Lawrence and Lowell will meet at the Rollaway, and on Saturday afternoon Taunton and Lowell will again clash at the Rollaway. This game will start sharply at 2.45.

A city that has such an aggressive team as that which represented Taunton, must indeed be a "dead one" not to accord it generous support. That quintet is worthy of packed houses, at every game, and undoubtedly when located in a live town, it will get it.

OPENING OF Y. M. C. I. BOWLING LEAGUE

The formal opening of the Y.M.C.I. Bowling league took place last night, when the Washingtons and Tigers met on the alleys, the latter team winning three of the four points. The scores were comparatively low, none of the members being able to reach the 300 mark. The score:

WASHINGTONS				
O'Neil	87	78	88	253
McGilly	73	67	73	213
Corrigan	83	77	90	250
McAffe	83	86	99	268
Linehan	86	83	80	249
Clark	81	89	85	255
Totals	493	480	515	1488

TIGERS				
Callahan	78	67	77	222
Clancy	76	78	85	239
Moynahan	90	98	74	262
Lyons	81	74	77	232
McCartin	98	92	89	279
Wedge	108	85	80	273
Totals	531	494	482	1507

Cartridge Shop League

Four games were played in the U. S. Cartridge company league. The Inspectors took three points from the Grinders, and the Bullet Dept. won three of the four points from the Finish Shell quintet. A second game between the two latter teams resulted in the Bullet Dept. winning three points. The Annealers took all four points from the Turrets. The scores:

INSPECTORS				
Toohey	100	96	88	284
Keough	96	84	93	273
Higgins	90	94	88	272
Devlin	94	89	99	282
Green	90	99	88	277
Totals	470	462	461	1393

GRINDERS				
Carty	103	107	91	301
Lamb	75	83	98	256
Murphy	84	90	91	265
Reynolds	106	92	88	286
Rourke	93	88	98	279
Totals	461	460	466	1387

BULLET DEPT.				
Campbell	97	88	91	276
Rodgers	92	96	127	315
Noel	97	95	98	290
Hickson	75	94	80	249
Kane	81	107	91	279
Totals	442	480	487	1409

FINISH SHELL				
Sweeney	87	101	89	277
Quinn	87	81	82	250
Mason	96	90	97	283
McGowan	82	87	95	265
Atkinson	92	104	94	290
Totals	444	463	457	1365

FINISH SHELL				
Shonhom	95	87	114	296
Winn	117	92	81	290
Grimshaw	81	77	87	245
Rogers	91	79	88	258
Welch	113	90	89	292
Totals	497	425	459	1381

BULLET DEPT.				
Mullane	92	105	101	298
McArdle	101	85	119	305
Mullin	89	92	100	281
Ford	93	97	98	288
Gray	106	80	100	286
Totals	481	459	518	1458

ANNEALERS				
Ireland	95	83	86	264
Flanagan	90	89	90	269
Letford	83	86	82	257
Favro	96	84	86	266
Lindquist	95	102	102	299
Totals	459	444	446	1349

TURRETS				
McMahon	79	87	71	237
Horan	89	95	91	275
Morrison	71	88	78	237
Gaudette	90	87	98	275
Higgins	94	79	79	252
Totals	423	436	417	1276

Knights of Columbus League

Two games were played in the Knights of Columbus league. The contest between the Pintas was well contested, the former winning the total by 12 pins, but succeeded in capturing three of the four points. The Balboas made a clean sweep of the points in the game with the Genoas. The scores:

PINTAS				
Maloney 1st	114	87	84	285
Jas. Donohue	82	79	98	259
Guthrie	90	81	82	253
W. Donohoe	114	100	95	309
R. O'Brien	97	95	89	281
Totals	497	442	448	1387

SAN SALVADORS				
Briggan	87	83	82	252
Nevins	97	95	94	286
Walsh	79	78	88	245
A. Rodgers	110	97	91	298
Savage	106	96	92	294
Totals	479	449	447	1375

BALBOAS				
Hanley	93	97	94	284
Mealey	75	78	78	233
Gaffney	83	95	74	252
M. Concannon	105	112	86	303
Murphy	94	89	88	271
Totals	450	471	420	1343

GENOAS				
Quinn	94	87	78	259
Hall	84	88	74	246
Keefe	80	94	84	258
Smith	69	83	82	234
Ryan	108	85	84	277
Totals	435	437	402	1274

Two teams from the Bay State cotton corporation rolled a close and exciting game on the Merrimack alleys Saturday evening. The Section Hands were victorious, but by so slight a margin that the Beam Hoisters feel certain that the next meeting of the series will blot out the defeat. Normandin was high man with 303.

The score:

SECTION HANDS				
Dalton	97	78	76	251
Peterson	80	93	94	267
Robillard	96	84	89	269
Hicks	84	97	76	257
Sapho	92	107	87	286
Totals	449	459	422	1330

BEAM HOISTERS				
Mason	79	91	91	261
Delaney	86	76	79	241
Pare	73	86	102	261
O'Connor	64	85	96	245
Normandin	100	92	111	303
Totals	402	430	469	1311

NATIONAL LEAGUE TAKES UP WAR-TIME BASEBALL PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—War-time baseball problems such as salary reductions, extra taxes, shorter schedules and reduction of player limit, confronted members of the National league at their annual meeting here this afternoon. Various club owners previous to the meeting indicated that while these and other subjects would be discussed informally, no formal action would be taken until the proposed joint conference of the major league at Chicago later in the week.

Reading of reports for last year and election of officers constituted the only formal program for today's session. The league already has invited Pres. Tener and Secretary Heydler to remain in office for another term, and it is believed they will accept, although there was a recurrence of rumors that Tener would quit the league.

GOLF ASSOCIATION MEETING

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—Championship tournaments of the Metropolitan Golf association, cancelled last season on account of America's entry into the war, may be restored at the annual meeting of the organization today. Many prominent golfers are said to be behind the movement to hold the title matches.

INTERNATIONAL B. B. LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—International baseball league club owners after a brief session yesterday expected today to get down to the real business that brought them together in annual meeting. Some of the owners are disposed to suspension during the war, while others are hopeful of starting with a six-team circuit.

Montreal and Richmond probably will be dropped, it was generally admitted.

Dancing School
A. O. H. Hall
EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING.
WALL AND O'CONNELL.

Polo —AT— Rollaway
FRIDAY NIGHT
LOWELL vs. LAWRENCE
Game Starts at 8.30.
Amateur Game at 7.15.
RESERVED SEATS IN ADVANCE

NEARER HOME

AVERAGES OF AMERICAN ROLLER POLO LEAGUE

The features of the second week of playing in the American Roller Polo league, were contributed by the Lowell and Lawrence clubs, old rivals. Lowell hopped into first place, and the down river quintet after getting away to a bad start, acquired several new men, and now present a very formidable lineup. Taunton, which led the league for a week, and which is one of the most aggressive teams in the league, was accorded poor support by the fans of that city, and consequently the owners have relinquished their franchise. Several other cities are clamoring for the franchise, and it is expected that a permanent "home" will be decided upon at the league meeting in Boston tomorrow.

The averages announced this week, which include all games up to last night show that Mulligan is leading in capturing rushes, with Oldham of Lowell second; "Jigger" Higgins of Worcester leads in goals scored, with Oldham of Lowell second and Hart and Harkins tied for third.

Blount jumped to the front among the goal tends with an average of .917, closely followed by Pence with .912 and Conley with .903, these three being the only ones over .900.

The averages:

RUSHES TAKEN BY:

Mulligan	89	Hart	15
Oldham	63	Lucey	9
Duggan	56	Alexander	3
Mulvey	27	Harkins	4
Slater	26	Higgins	3
Williams	19	Kehoe	2
O'Hearne	18	Loxon	1
Reed	18		

GOALS SCORED BY:

Higgins	31	Cameron	4
Oldham	28	Muirhead	4
Hart	21	Lucey	3
Harkins	21	Slavin	3
Duggan	18	Carrigan	3
O'Hearne	18	Alexander	3
Mulligan	17	Donnelly	3
Kehoe	13	Fredette	2
Reed	11	Trulson	2
Griffith	11	Reilly	2
Loxon	10	Freeland	2
Dufresne	10	Morrison	2
Hardy	10	Cummings	1
Slater	7	Doherty	1
Williams	5	Brown	1
Daignault	5	Asquith	1
Mulvey	4		

FOULS AGAINST:

Carrigan	4	Doherty	1
Cameron	3	Mulvey	1
Mulligan	1	Dufresne	1
Oldham	1	Loxon	1
Duggan	1	Finnell	1
Blount	1	Muirhead	1
Maxwell	1	Hart	1

GOALTENDERS' AVERAGES

	Stopped	Missed	Av.
Blount	308	28	.917
Pence	371	36	.912
Conley	363	38	.903
Mullen	389	51	.884
Waters	72	10	.878
Purcell	350	54	.866
Maxwell	194	33	.855
Chaplow	28	6	.824
Foley	21	5	.808
Gilfoyle	11	3	.786
Allard	46	15	.754

Miner-Doyle, Associate hall tonight.

THE BASKETBALL GAME

The seemingly invincible Lowell Boys' club basketball team will tackle the strong C.Y.M.I. Midgets in the Boys' club hall on Dutton street, in the near future. The Boys' club team would like to hear from teams weighing from 120 to 125 pounds, the Almiras or Mitchell Boys' school preferred. Mgr. Higgins of 241 Broadway will take care of all challenges.

ARREST MORE GERMANS
Continued

of Massachusetts supplies and forces, today was asked by the executive committee of the Halifax relief association, to remain here and help direct all activities for the week, at least. There was a report yesterday that he was preparing to return home, and when the committee heard it Ralph Bell, the secretary, was instructed to get in touch with Mr. Ratshesky and urge him to stay.

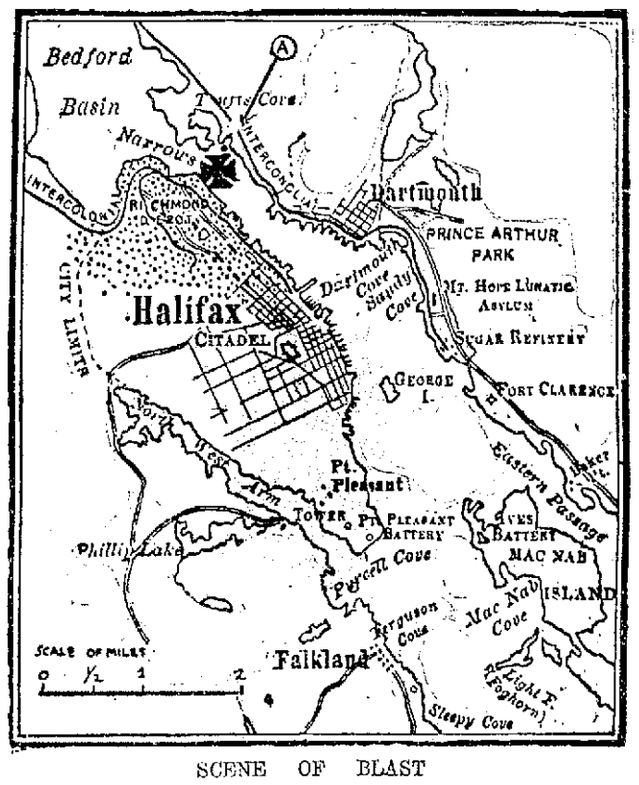
"The executive committee has heard a rumor," Mr. Bell's letter to Mr. Ratshesky said, "that you are likely to return to Boston shortly. In view of the particularly valuable services that you have already rendered and the fact that your assistance for the next few days is regarded as invaluable, we would urge that you make arrangement to stay with us for at least the balance of the week. We can assure you that your generosity and consideration of your needs in this connection will be most deeply appreciated."

How the report started, Mr. Ratshesky was unable to explain.

Because of the increasing demands upon his time, Mr. Ratshesky has commandered C. K. Howard, general agent of the Canadian government railways at Boston, as his personal representative. Mr. Howard has taken over much of the routine work and has obtained information of great value to the Massachusetts unit.

Word came from Yarmouth that the relief ship Calvin Austin would not arrive until late tonight and that Capt. Billings had forwarded by rail cans of fresh milk which might be immediately needed.

A telegram from Henry B. Endicott, executive manager of the public safety committee, announcing that the people of Massachusetts had been called upon to raise one million dollars for Halifax relief, was cheering news to local workers.



SCENE OF BLAST

This map shows the scene of the Halifax disaster. The cross indicates where the Belgian relief ship Imo collided with the French munitions ship Mont Blanc, setting the Mont Blanc on fire and causing the blast, 17 minutes later. The Imo had time to back away from the Mont Blanc before the blast and was beached near Tufts Cove. Arrow A points to a dot showing where the Imo was beached.

BEVERLY MAN LOST LIFE IN HALIFAX DISASTER

BEVERLY, Dec. 11.—One American, a resident of this city lost his life in the Halifax disaster. Word was received here today that the body of John W. Morash, an employe of the Beverly plant of the United Shoe Machinery Co., has been found in the ruins of a wrecked building.

Morash went to Halifax two weeks ago to visit his father who was critically ill. He had written to friends here that he planned to return home last Wednesday but for some reason he delayed his departure and was caught in the explosion.

U. S. HAS SENT SUFFICIENT DOCTORS AND NURSES TO DEAL WITH SITUATION AT HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—The United States already has sent sufficient doctors and nurses to deal with the situation, John F. Moors, head of the American Cross delegation announced today.

"My impression is that our country has now contributed enough trained people and supplies to make sure that everything humanly possible is done for all in distress here," he said. "Hereafter it seems to me people and supplies should be forwarded only on requisition in order that actual want should be taken care of and congestion and overlapping avoided."

Because of his wide experience gained while directing reconstruction forces in San Francisco after the earthquake and fire there Mr. Moors has been asked by the general committee to give it the benefit of his counsel at all times.

Saddest of All Disasters

"From information so far received," Mr. Moore said, "I estimate that nearly two thousand were killed and perhaps three thousand severely wounded. Having been at San Francisco, Chelsea and Salem immediately after those disasters, I am impressed by the fact that this is much the saddest I have ever seen.

"Another group of 25 doctors and 70 nurses took possession of St. Mary's college this morning, and, with vigorous assistance of United States jackies, are making what was a shattered building, with snowdrifts on the floor, like the beginning of a splendid hospital.

200 U. S. Doctors and Nurses

"Altogether within the past 24 hours more than 200 American doctors and nurses have found immediate employment. There are here now at least 300 of the very best physicians, social workers and trained nurses of the United States, each finding his place with true resourcefulness.

"Another group of 50 doctors and 50 nurses has begun a systematic house-to-house canvass of those parts of the city where wounded are still lodged in great numbers without adequate care."

New Bedford Contributes $10,000

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 11.—A check for $10,000 was sent to Robert Winsor of Boston, treasurer of the state Halifax relief fund today the contributions of New Bedford people for the relief sufferers in that city.

To Adopt Halifax Orphans

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Canadian club of this city is making plans to induce New York men and women to adopt children who lost their parents in the Halifax disaster, it was announced today by the president, Thomas D. Neelands. The club also plans to co-operate in any movement for the permanent care of orphans who cannot be brought here.

WANTED
Men to learn box making, also box nailers and Yard Help.
OTIS ALLEN & SON CO.,
266 Mt. Vernon St.

LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

Wherens, Joseph Nazaire Thollier of Lowell, in said County, has presented to said Court, a petition praying that his name may be changed to that of Joseph Armand Nazaire Chretien for the reasons therein set forth;

All persons are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of December, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this first day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

d4-11-17

Under authority of Section 40, Chapter 590 of the Acts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of 1908, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 491, of the Acts of 1909 and Chapter 171 of the Acts of 1912, notice is hereby given that Book No. 62646 on The Central Savings Bank is lost; payment has been stopped and application has been made for payment of the amount.

d4-11-18

HELP WANTED

EXPERIENCED WAITRESS wanted. Hamilton Restaurant, 1 Gorham st.

CHAMBER MAID wanted. 57 Lawrence st.

KITCHEN GIRL wanted. Weston House, first street above Merrimack Square Theatre.

STOCK-FITTERS, experienced, wanted. Apply L. H. Spaulding Shoe Co., 538 Broadway.

KITCHEN MAN and fireman wanted at Hamilton Restaurant, 1 Gorham st.

SALESLADY wanted at once; one who can talk French. The Royal Store, 373 Middlesex st.

BOY wanted at M. J. Cahill's Horseshoe Shop.

GOVERNMENT WAR POSITIONS open. Clerical work. Men, women wanted. $90 month. List free. Franklin Institute, Dept 173 K, Rochester, N. Y.

CIVIL SERVICE—Quick and thorough preparation for all government examinations, railway mail, and positions at Washington, charges $3, no extras. Why pay more? Federal Service Institute, Washington, D. C.

WOOLEN MILL HELP
Wanted at once. Pleasant surroundings, attractive houses for family of workers at low rent. Talbot Mills, North Billerica.

LOST AND FOUND

SUM OF MONEY lost in the Harrisonla or between there and corner of Central and Middlesex sts. Please return to 815 Chelmsford st. Reward.

GRAY POCKETBOOK containing pay envelopes lost between Merrimack square and West Third st. Reward. Write N-22, Sun Office.

BILL FOLDER and check-book lost, with owner's name inside. Return to 314 Mammoth road. Reward. Tel. 3157.

BUNCH OF KEYS lost Friday, on ring; identification tag attached. Reward if returned to Barlow's market.

SUM OF MONEY lost Saturday afternoon; $5 and $10 bills, in Appleton bank money bag, in North Chelmsford, between Moore's mills and Adams st., via Lewfield st. Reward at E. F. De La Haye, Adams st., No. Chelmsford.

BALL OF GRAY YARN and unfinished stocking with four needles lost in front of Keith's theatre, Friday evening. Return to Bon Marche Millinery Dept.

SMALL POCKETBOOK containing money, stamps, etc., lost between Merrimack mills and Merrimack sq., by a young girl. Liberal reward upon returning to N 47, Sun Office.

SMALL SUM OF MONEY found on Appleton st. Owner can have same by paying for this ad and proving property. Call at 237 Gorham st.

TO LET

SUNNY 4-ROOM TENEMENT to let; Coburn court, Pawtucketville; $1.25 per week. Inquire Mr. Lemarre, 10 Clinton ave.

STORE to let; large, bright, few minutes walk from Cartridge shop; rent cheap; good location for variety, shoe repairing or tailor shop; 482 Lawrence st. Inquire rear door, 67 Merrill st.

STEAM HEATED ROOMS to let; also rooms for light housekeeping. 57 Lawrence st.

UPPER 5-ROOM FLAT to let, with attic and bath. Hot and cold water and gas, 48 Franklin st. $3 per week. Tel. 3613-M.

8-ROOM HOUSE to let on Bowden st.; handy to cars; rent $13. D. F. Leary, Hildreth Bldg.

FURNISHED ROOM to let at 16 Fernald st., heat, hot water, use of telephone. 3712-M.

LARGE HOUSE situated on corner of Dumbar avenue and Boulevard, nice location, all modern improvements. Always someone to show house.

2-ROOMS, KITCHENETTE, to let, furnished; electric light, gas, heat, 3 minutes' walk from square. Inquire 18 Fourth st.

SPECIAL NOTICES

THE RACKET STORE—Everything in the line of Christmas presents for both young and old. Toys for the children, also all kinds of articles for the house, at prices that will satisfy every customer. We have a full line of china, glass, crockery, knives, forks, pots, pans, kettles, hardware, brooms, curtains, lamps and anything you can think of in the line of knickknacks at lowest prices. Call and be convinced. The Racket Store, 423 Central st. George Ahiljian, Prop.

WEATHERSTRIPS for three days at half price to introduce same. Tel. 5358-W. Weaver, 344 Wilder st.

WANTED

LARGE FURNISHED ROOM desired by couple, or rooms with modern improvements. State rates, etc. Write Q 22.

YOUNG GIRL, 14 or over, wanted in a good Catholic home to be companion of another girl. Apply 864 Bridge st., after 6 p. m.

FURNISHED FLAT or house, with or without heat, wanted, for three months; 5 rooms at least. J. L. Prescott, 20 Middle st.

MORTGAGE WANTED
I desire to secure a mortgage for $4000 for two or three years, on my 30-acre farm, located ¾ mile from Westford Center. Farm contains A1 set of buildings; fine orchard of 350 fruit trees. Address H. S. B., 51 Bowen ave., Medford, Mass., or telephone after 6 p. m., Med. 85-W.

BOOTS AND SHOES

REMOVAL SALE—Biggest shoe bargains in Lowell. Entire stock of men's, women's and children's boots and shoes. See John Preen, formerly 338A Middlesex st., now at new store, 600 Middlesex st.

CHINESE RESTAURANT

CHIN LEE CO.—Chop suey, American food. Nicest place in the city. Open from 11 a. m. to 1 a. m. 95 Merrimack st.

CLAIRVOYANT

MADAM MAY will give readings at 53 John street, up one flight, room 3.

CONTRACTORS—BUILDERS

CONTRACTOR and builder, Arthur F. Rabeour, residence 984 Bridge st. Res. phone 5042-M; shop 1316.

CHIMNEY EXPERTS

LIMBURG CO.—Chimneys swept and repaired. Residence 1125 Bridge st. Tel.

DRESSMAKING

DRESS AND SUIT MAKING; latest styles; satisfaction assured. Mrs. A. E. Scraggs, 9-10 Central Block.

DENTIST

T. E. MARR, D.M.D., 303 Sun bldg. Hrs. 9 to 12; 1 to 5. Mon.Fri.Sat.eves. Tel. 5639

ELECTRIC SHOP

GLORIA INVERTED GAS LIGHTS, $1.16. Regular price $1.75. Electric Shop, 52 Central st., 261 Dutton st. Tel. 1317-W.

FURS REPAIRED

Furs cleaned, repaired and remodeled. Work guaranteed satisfactory. Mrs. A. E. Scraggs, 9-10 Central Block.

FURNITURE

HOUSEHOLD GOODS, stoves, beds, mattresses, rugs. New goods. Cash or credit. Fitch, 160 Middlesex st.

FLORIST

KENNY, FLORIST—Flowers that satisfy, for funerals, designs, decorations, etc. 31 Middle st. Tel. 5373.

GROCERIES

ITALIAN GROCERIES—Imported olive oil, macaroni and cooked spaghetti, also candy and fruit. Joe and Susie Carpenito, 152 Gorham st.

HATTERS

FUR CAPS RENOVATED—Have a Deforme hat for a change; the change will do you good. Sun building.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

JOHN A. OSGOOD, Merrimack, cor. Suffolk st. Appointments can be made by telephone. Tel. 8723.

LICENSED AND BONDED WAREHOUSEMAN

STORAGE for furniture at reasonable rates; separate rooms, dry and clean. J. H. MacDonald, 255 Hildreth st.

OPTOMETRIST

CHAS. F. McGRATH, 271 Gorham st. Eyes carefully examined and properly fitted without use of drugs. Lenses matched from broken pieces. Repairing promptly done.

PIANO TUNERS

J. KERSHAW, piano and organs tuned and repaired. 60 Humphrey st. Tel. 974-M.

ROOFERS

ROOFERS—J. Burns & Son, slate roofers. Roofs repaired. Tel. 3282-W. 156 Concord st. Tel. 1459-J, 200 Pleasant st.

STOVE REPAIRS

T. F. DALY, 213 Dutton st. Expert stove repairing. Grates, linings, etc., for sale. Our work guaranteed. Dealer in second hand furniture.

QUINN STOVE REPAIR CO., 149 Gorham st., carries in stock, linings, grates, water fronts, and other parts to fit all stoves and ranges. Work promptly attended to. Tel. 4170.

SALVARSAN "606"

Given at Dr. Dugdale's Lowell office for BLOOD POISON, LOCOMOTOR ATAXIA and SKIN DISEASES. Blood tests made. Also treats diseases of the eye, ear, nose, throat, stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels.

RHEUMATISM, neuralgia, neuritis, lumbago, sciatica, RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, gout, catarrh and epilepsy, CANCERS, TUMORS, chronic blood and nervous diseases of men and women, hydrocele, varicocele, stricture, piles, fistula, fissures, ulcers and prostatic diseases WITHOUT THE KNIFE. Investigate my methods of treatment. CHARGES REASONABLE. Lowell office, 97 Central street. Hours, Wednesday and Saturday 2-4, 7-8. Consultation. Examination. Advice FREE.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

COTTAGE HOUSE of 8 rooms and garage for sale; near upper Gorham st.; handy to cars; dandy bargain; $1325. D. F. Leary, Hildreth Bldg.

8-ROOM HOUSE for sale, near Sacred Heart church; slate rof, bath, steam heat, hot and cold water; all hardwood floors; cement cellar; price $3000; easy terms. D. F. Leary, Hildreth Bldg.

1 TWO TENEMENT HOUSE, slate roof, 1 two tenement house, 1 four tenement house, 1 barn and carriage house; also lot of land 60 ft x 100 ft., now paying 12½% with room to put up two new houses, for sale. For price and particulars inquire of H. D. Bowler, 214 Merrimack st., in Geo. E. Hutchins' Rubber Store.

TWO TENEMENT HOUSE with a large lot of land for sale; Rogers st. near Nesmith; this is one of the best locations in Belvidere; low price for a quick sale. Daniel J. O'Brien, 302 Wyman's Exchange.

FOR SALE

READY-TO-WEAR MERCHANDISE, Ladies', for sale, as owner is going out of business; also fixtures for sale; must be sold at once. Call 129 Gorham st.

A TWO-HORSE SLED for sale, price $40. Inquire A. A. Brown, 73 Inland st, Lowell. Tel. 2320.

NICE UPRIGHT PIANO for sale cheap at 704 Bridge st.

100 WHITE CHESTER PIGS for sale; price low for 10 or more. Pyngsboro car, second house beyond first fare limit. H. F. Cady.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

Southern Division To Boston Lve.	Arr.	Fr. Boston Lve.	Arr.	Portland Division To Boston Lve.	Arr.	Fr. Boston Lve.	Arr.
6.38	6.50	7.35	8.38	6.05	7.36	10.50	11.53
6.25	7.26	8.00	9.03	10.58	12.07	3.29	4.41
6.47	7.30	z8.35	9.04	pm5.14	6.42	5.14	6.19
b6.38	7.53	7.35	8.28	7.07	8.18	7.00	8.15
6.57	8.00	nb8.21	9.34	9.50	11.00	9.50	11.00
7.22	8.05	9.00	9.39				
7.38	8.37	9.30	10.09	**Sunday Trains Portland Division**			
9.01	9.42	11.30	12.09	12.07	1.16	3.30	4.45
9.48	10.37	12.30	1.09	3.40	4.45	5.14	6.43
10.19	11.15	n1.05	1.58	5.45	7.05	8.45	9.53
11.06	11.48	2.15	3.10	8.55	10.04		
12.15	1.06	3.00	3.51				
1.43	2.35	n3.44	5.00				
2.45	3.41	4.00	4.39				
h5.50	4.10	5.00	5.33				
3.56	4.38	b5.21	6.37				
4.15	5.26	5.33	6.30				
5.31	6.37	b5.51	7.10				
b6.02	7.16	6.14	7.23				
6.22	7.06	8.00	8.33				
8.15	8.57	8.30	9.08				
9.45	10.31	10.30	11.37				
		11.40	12.46				

Sunday Trains Southern Division

6.47	7.30	8.45	9.47
7.22	8.03	9.30	10.08
8.25	9.35	11.30	12.06
9.19	10.12	1.00	1.39
10.20	11.17	5.30	6.21
2.53	3.35	7.15	8.20
5.10	6.09	8.00	8.58
6.28	7.10	8.30	9.08
8.15	8.57	9.20	10.28
8.45	9.53	10.35	11.44
9.45	10.40		

b via Bedford; s via Salem jct, z via Wilmington jct. n not holidays. h Sat. only.

The local evening newspaper is the paper that reaches the home when the whole family is there to read it. The Sun fills this field in Lowell.

ITALIANS BORE UNDER MOUNTAIN TO BATTLE FOES

The lower picture shows Italian infantrymen starting through a tunnel which they have bored under an Alpine peak, allowing them to come out on the other side and take the German advance lines by surprise in their rear. They caught the enemy unawares in this rally and inflicted a severe loss. The Italians are shown with bayonets fixed to finish the foe.

ITALIAN DIVISION CUT TO PIECES

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 11.—(By The Associated Press)—A visit today to the headquarters of a major general commanding a division of heroic Alpini and Bersaglieri disclosed the story of the manner in which this division held the heights back of the Asiago plateau until it was cut to pieces and the remnant was compelled to fall back to its present new line. The general is now engaged in re-forming his shattered forces which were seen in long lines along the roads preparing to go back into the fight.

A major of the general's staff who toward the close of the fight collected the remaining men of the division and led them in the final charges until the order for retirement came, gave a first hand description of the struggle. He said there were three Bersaglieri regiments, some Alpine battalions and one infantry regiment in the division in addition to the usual quota of batteries of field and middle calibre guns. These were ranged back of Asiago when the enemy's drive reached its maximum intensity last Wednesday. For 24 hours one Bersaglieri regiment had held Monte Tondarecar until its platoons had been reduced from thirty men to six. It was then that the battalions of Alpini were sent to their relief.

Stabbed to Death

The Alpini fought their way up the hill, gaining the summit against heavy odds, only to find their comrades cut to pieces. Most of them were lying dead from stab wounds. Now the Alpini battalions found themselves in the centre of a concentration of enemy forces which carried back and forth in the fury of the fighting along the slopes. Others remained on the summit with the enemy surrounding them.

At 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning the colonel of these battalions sent his last report to the general. It said laconically: "The enemy is on all sides and I am about to charge." That was the last which was ever heard of him or of any of his men.

The enveloping enemy masses grew denser, and the gallant Alpini band which had gone to rescue the Bersaglieri was wiped out of existence.

The fighting continued along other points of the line until the forces were decimated and it became clear that the enemy greatly outnumbered the Italians. The general himself who was directing operations from a point just back of the line narrowly escaped a shrapnel shell which burst near his automobile. It was then that the major who recounted these events gathered the remnant of the division and fought out the remainder of the day until the new Italian lines of defense were formed across the Franzella and Gadena passes leading to the Brenta valley and the plain. It is here the lines are now resting, with good prospects of holding.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS BARRED FROM DRINKING LIQUORS IN UNITED STATES

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—Orders have been issued by Maj. E. A. Wilson, general officer commanding, debarring any Canadian officer or soldier in uniform from drinking intoxicating liquors in places of public refreshment in the United States.

Carrier Pigeon With Message in German Captured at Halifax Today

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—The capture of a carrier pigeon, under whose wing was a message in German, was reported to the police today. The pigeon, probably wounded, in the explosion Thursday, entered the window of a home near the burned area. Its number was "New York No. 29."

The pigeon was delivered to the chief of police of Dartmouth who declined to make any statement pending the delivery of the message to the military authorities.

The woman who captured it said the bird was suffering intensely from the cold and seemed to have come in for shelter.

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A market scene in Jerusalem just inside the Joffa gate. Here vendors of all sorts, men and women Mohammedan, Jew and Christian, sell everything from singing birds to camels. Jerusalem's famous clock tower is in the distance.

VALUE OF CROPS HIGHEST IN HISTORY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Many crops this year exceed the production of other years, while the value of the country's farm products, with a total estimated unofficially at $21,000,000,000 far exceeds any other year in history. Final estimates of production of the principal farm crops were announced today by the department of agriculture. The production estimates are:

Corn, 3,159,494,000.
Winter wheat, 418,070,000.
Spring wheat, 232,758,000.
All wheat, 650,828,000.
Oats, 1,587,286,000.
Barley, 208,075,000.
Rye, 60,145,000.
Buckwheat, 17,460,000.

SAVE $10 ON YOUR WINTER OVERCOAT

On sale this week, Shuman made, all wool suits and overcoats, worth up to $30, at $20—never again a Shuman garment at this price—better get in this week. Merrimack Clothing Co., across from City Hall.

MR. HERRICK EXPLAINS THRIFT STAMPS

R. F. Herrick, representing the United States treasury department at Washington, D. C., was in Lowell today to discuss and elucidate the various details connected with the thrift stamps and war savings certificates the latest loan of the government in connection with the war. Mr. Herrick spent the early part of his visit in discussing the new loan personally with the bankers of the city and late this afternoon a general meeting of the banking and business men of the city was called at the board of trade rooms in Central street where Mr. Herrick took up the subject of the loan in its various phases.

TENER'S ULTIMATUM TO NATIONAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—In a special statement issued just prior to the opening of the National league meeting here today, President John K. Tener placed what is considered to be an ultimatum before the club owners in the senior baseball organization. It appears to have a bearing upon the controversy arising over the date for the joint meeting of the National and American leagues appointed for Thursday in Chicago.

He said:

"A month or two ago, a committee of National league club owners waited upon me and asked me if I would remain with the league and I took the matter under consideration, explaining that I was accepting a business opportunity. If I remain with the league I would want my time to be my own. At the meeting of the league today, the club owners must decide whether they want their president to be active or inactive.

"The term of service or salary is absolutely immaterial to me. I am particularly anxious to do that which is best for the interests of the National league."

President Tener explained that he had been elected president of the permanent highways corporation of New York, and in that position his time would be his own.

SOLDIERS HONORED

Charles Longtin, a member of the Middlesex club, and his chum, Willard Clark, who went to Fort Slocum Monday morning were tendered a reception at the club's headquarters, Sunday, and Mr. Longtin was presented a soldier's kit, wrist watch and fountain pen. He was employed in Joe Gardner's department at the Cartridge shop and more than 100 of his coworkers were present at the reception and presentation. Mr. Thomas Joncas presided at the post prandial exercises and there were remarks by Mr. Lord and others. Music was furnished by the Highland orchestra and the entertainment included songs by Messrs. Frank Carroll and Frank O'Brien.

Grimes

Information wanted of Patrick Grimes or his relatives. He was a peddler in Lowell and neighboring cities 25 years ago. Address Nelson H. Tunnicliff, 26 Liberty St., New York City.

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Fresh Made Stock Just In

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VERY BEST PURE CANE SYRUP, Jar.....20c

BUTTERINE U. S. A. Gov't Inspection Note this price, Lb. Cheaper than compound lard 22c

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CHICKENS Regular 35c pound value. Weigh 4 to 5 pounds each. This is biggest value in food today. Lb. 27c

"Gold Medal" Bread Flour
Quantity Limited—24½ Lb. Bag.....$1.69

15c CAN NEW PACK TOMATOES.....
15c CAN NEW PACK SUGAR CORN.....
15c CAN EARLY JUNE PEAS—Can..... 11c

Cut-Up Chicken, ready to fry, lb.....25c
20-Mule Team Borax, pkg.....10c
20-Mule Team Borax Chips, large pkg.....21c
16c Bottle Tomato Ketchup.....11c
Armour's Star Hams, about 10 lbs. each.....33c
Legs of Lamb, lb.....20c | Veal Steak, lb.....22c
Lamb Chops, lb.....23c | 98 lb. bag Pastry Flour $6.00

SWEET COCOA New Process—You Don't Need Sugar, Can..... 23c

MACARONI or SPAGHETTI, Pkg.....10c

Salt Pork THICK, HEAVY BEAN, Lb. 25c

BEST PEARL TAPIOCA—1 Lb. Linen Bag.....10c

EGGS—Fancy Western. Dozen..... 32c | BUTTER—Special Price, Pound..... 42c

Sweet Oranges, doz.....10c | Empress Grapes, lb.....9c

PORTO RICO GRAPEFRUIT—A rare bargain.....3 for 10c

Dr. Johnson's "EDUCATOR" Sweet Crackers, pkg.....10c

COFFEE—Fresh Roasted, lb..... 17c | TEA—Mixed or Oolong, Lb..... 30c

Tenderloin Steak Fresh, Not Frozen. Lb. 20c

CARROTS, ONIONS OR BEETS—3 Lbs..... 10c
POTATOES, 15 lbs.....33c
YELLOW TURNIPS, 3 lbs. 5c
PARSNIPS, pk.....5c

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The United States has suffered little or no depression since our own declaration of war—a gigantic monument to the courage and wisdom of American business men.

Our position now is not unlike that of Japan's at the outbreak of the war. Japan has since far surpassed her wildest dreams both financially and commercially.

A nation's wealth comes out of the ground—mining operations in the United States have never before been conducted on so vast a scale. Farmers are planting the largest acreage in the country's history and are receiving enormous prices for their products.

Factories throughout the country are being operated at forced speed.

Steel companies, usually taken as a barometer of trade conditions, have orders on hand that will require nearly two years to fill.

Europe looks to us to feed her and supply her other urgent needs.

Our government is ordering guns, ammunition, ships, food and clothing to the tune of millions.

Uncle Sam is already the money centre of the world and is quite apt to stay so.

CONSULT YOUR COMMON SENSE REGARDING THE SITUATION, NOT YOUR NERVES. ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND WITH THREE CHEERS FOR "OLD GLORY," GET BUSY—AND BUY

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THE GIFT OF GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Owing to the large increase of sales and lack of room at our present location, we have made arrangements with A. W. Dows Co., druggists, for the use of one of their beautiful show windows for the holiday season, showing a complete line of high grade Jewelry at reasonable prices. A clerk inside will be pleased to show you any article in this window without any obligation to purchase.

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Thompson Elected Mayor
City Votes For License

LICENSE BIG ISSUE IN TODAY'S ELECTION

A crisp, winterish sort of a day greeted the voters of Lowell this morning upon the occasion of the annual city election. There was a sharp tinge, almost a bite, in the air and in places the walking was far from safe. However, the excellent conditions overhead, the interest aroused at the close of the campaign in the license issue, especially, and the preponderance of automobiles to carry lukewarm citizens to the polls combined to make the vote a normal one up to noon, at any rate, and when the final returns are in it may be found that the vote was much nearer the 16,000 limit, which represents the total number of registered male voters in the city, than was anticipated.

How is it coming out? Well, the various candidates were coming along strong in their own wards, of course, and in the others it was virtually a toss-up during the early part of the day.

The license vote was not especially inclined either way although it was admitted by most of the precinct officers that the "no" forces were coming in much greater numbers than is usually the case. To combat this rose on the affirmative side of the house marshaled their forces also and one can only "sit and wait" until the returns are made known this evening before a victory can be proclaimed on either side.

The polls opened at 6 o'clock this morning and the closing hour was scheduled for 4 o'clock this afternoon. Many of the voters employed in the mills and other places where it is necessary for them to be on the job early in the morning cast their votes on the way to work but only those who had to be out ventured to the booths during the early hours. It was too cold. As the morning wore on, however, and it became warmer the polling booths began to present a "do-something" appearance. From 12.30 to 1 o'clock the activity was at its height.

There were automobiles galore on the streets today. It seemed that every possible make of a machine was represented. Just how many were out it is impossible to state. Most of the candidates had a number of cars working for them to carry aged or infirm voters to the "little red buildings" and the "yes" and "no" people on the license issue both resorted to powerful gasoline concoctions.

In the school committee fight the women of the city—those who were registered—had an opportunity to vote and a visitor about the various precincts found the "dear girls" coming out in goodly numbers to exercise the sacred right of the franchise.

The results of today's election as received at The Sun office from the precincts and city hall are contained in the figures appearing on this page.

MEXICAN TOWN CAPTURED

EAGLE PASS, Tex., Dec. 11.—It is reported here that Mexican forces headed by Guterrez, an independent leader, have captured Monclova, Mex. Wire communication with that place has been cut and train service discontinued.

Later reports received declared that Villa forces captured Monclova. Monclova is 148 miles from Eagle Pass.

Meagre reports of trouble at Allende, 28 miles from here also were received today.

TO VOTE ON PROHIBITION THIS MONTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Report on the prohibition constitutional amendment in time for the house to vote on the question between Dec. 17 and 20, was indicated today when the house judiciary committee met to consider national prohibition and woman's suffrage. Leaders intimated that the suffrage amendment might be held up in committee until after the Christmas holidays although strong efforts to induce action immediately is expected from suffrage supporters.

SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A feature of the 49th annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association which will open tomorrow is a series of conferences between state delegations and their senators and representatives. The women from each state have asked their senior senator to hold a hearing in his office at which they can meet their entire congressional delegation and present their arguments for the passage of the suffrage amendment pending in congress.

Rhode Island suffragists planned to confer with their congressmen today.

THE LAWRENCE ELECTION

Lawrence voted license by 3125 votes, and Finnegan defeated Hannagan for commissioner.

B.&M. EMPLOYES WANT INCREASE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 11.—On the request of railway clerks, baggagemen and station employes of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad for changes in the wage and time schedules, it is expected that a conference of a committee of the employes with General Manager Willcox will be held shortly.

The request is for an increase of 7½ cents per day, abolition of piece work, tonnage and bonuses, an eight-hour day schedule and a minimum wage of $2.50 a day.

LLOYD GEORGE IN DANGER

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Daily Express features in its biggest type what it describes as "Lloyd George's danger." It represents the premier's position as threatened by the growing strength of his enemies in the house of commons, adding:

"Parliament is weary and worn out, and the last rags of its representative character have dropped away. The war has driven a plowed dyke across all the old boundaries and cut broad deep, new furrows of public opinion and policy. The pacifists seem to be growing in numbers. Time is wearing away the loyalty of the liberal Lloyd Georgeites. It only requires an occasion and an old parliamentary hand to throw down the government."

The Express urges a speedy appeal to the country. It exhorts the premier to realize his danger in time, to come forward and lead the masses against the pacifists and ineffectives. It expresses confidence that he would be victorious, obtaining a decisive mandate and a long period of unquestioned power.

The Tory Post and the radical Daily News made vehement attacks on Lloyd George last week on the occasion of the anniversary of his premiership, declaring he had lost the confidence of the public.

REPORT AMENDMENT FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The constitutional amendment for nationwide woman suffrage was reported without recommendation today by the house judiciary committee.

The judiciary committee amended the suffrage resolution to provide that the amendment dies unless it is ratified by the states within seven years from the time of its adoption in congress. This is the same provision that the committee included in the prohibition amendment. The suffrage resolution has not been voted on in either house but it is on the senate calendar.

UNION CHURCH SERVICE AS WAR MEASURE

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—Union services of churches of various denominations as a war measure, to increase efficiency, conserve fuel and release trained men needed for religious and social service at the front are recommended in resolutions adopted by the Home Missions council of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches and forwarded today to church officials throughout the state. The council suggests that churches in different neighborhoods combine their meetings either for the duration of the war or, if considered more practicable, simply for the winter.

Donnelly and Morse Aldermen
Walsh and Thompson For School Board

VOTE FOR MAYOR

Rodrigue Mignault	4786
Perry D. Thompson	8551

VOTE FOR ALDERMEN

ELECTED		DEFEATED	
James E. Donnelly	7047	James F. Miskella	6432
Charles J. Morse	6892	Newell F. Putnam	5349

VOTE FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ELECTED		DEFEATED	
William R. Thompson	7793	Henry V. Charbonneau	4955
Richard B. Walsh	8505	Michael F. O'Brien	6902

THE LICENSE VOTE

Yes	7617	No	5969

Heavy German Reinforcements Have Arrived in France

Kaiser Plans New Blow on Western Front—British Positions Bombarded—Lull on Italian Front—Official Entry Into Jerusalem—Fighting in Russia

Heavy German reinforcements have arrived in France, it is believed in allied capitals, but where the expected blow will fall is yet to be disclosed. For the moment the infantry is inactive along the western front, but the artillery and especially that of the Germans is very active in various sectors.

British Positions Bombarded

On the British front the Germans are bombarding heavily the positions southwest of Cambrai and east and northeast of Ypres, the two sectors which have seen virtually all of the heavy fighting in the past few months. From St. Quentin to the Swiss border Paris reports great enemy artillery activity between the Oise and the Aisne in the Champagne northeast of Verdun and in upper Alsace. The British and French cannon are replying in kind against the German positions.

Whether the heavy German artillery fire means that the enemy is attempting to find a weak point or is for the purpose of drawing allied attention to one spot while the troops from the Russian front are massed for a strong effort elsewhere can only be conjectured. Strong local German attacks on the right bank of the Meuse northeast of Verdun have been repulsed by the French who took prisoners.

Invaders' Efforts Fail in Italy

Infantry fighting has stopped momentarily at least on the Italian front from Asiago to the Piave river. The Austro-German effort to break through between the Piave and the Brenta failed with losses. The enemy then re-formed his shattered forces and attempted to break through between Asiago and the Piave. He failed again. The Austro-Germans captured some terrain at heavy cost without

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THIRTEEN NEGRO SOLDIERS HANGED IN TEXAS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 11.—Thirteen of the negroes of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, U.S.A., found guilty of complicity in the riot and mutiny at Houston on Aug. 23, were hanged on the military reservation at Fort Sam Houston at 7.17 o'clock this morning. Announcement of the carrying out of the sentence was made at headquarters of the southern department at 9 a. m.

Only army officers and Sheriff John Tobin of Bexar county were present when the sentence was carried out by soldiers from the post. No civilian spectators were allowed, the time and place of execution having been kept a secret.

Of the 63 men tried by the court martial, forty-one were sentenced to life imprisonment. One man was sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and to be confined at hard labor for two and a half years. Five were acquitted. The soldiers who paid the death penalty were:

Sergt. William C. Nesbitt, Corporals Larson J. Brown, James Wheatley, Jesse Moore and Charles W. Baltimore; Privates William Brackenridge, Thomas C. Hawkins, Carlos Snodgrass, Ira B. Davis, James Divine, Frank Johnson, Wesley Young and Pat MacWhorter.

ARREST MORE GERMANS AT HALIFAX TODAY

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—The snow storm which hampered the relief workers yesterday was of short duration, and last night was clear and cold. As the snow which fell was near enough to rain to be well saturated, a hard crust had formed today, further interfering with traffic problems and with the work of clearing away the ruins of wrecked buildings.

All activities, however, are now on a systematic basis and Halifax men joined today with men from other parts of Canada and from cities in the United States in making further progress toward bringing back more normal conditions. The refusal to admit curiosity seekers to the city already has resulted in a noticeable lessening of the congestion which was threatening a serious impediment to the care of the injured, the feeding and housing of the homeless and the reconstruction of the devastated district.

Hundreds of men were busy today about the less badly damaged buildings. The chief task here was to replace broken windows and doors and to repair roofs torn open by pieces of flying wreckage in the explosion last Thursday. The supplies of window glass sent here from other cities proved particularly useful, and a party of skilled glaziers from Boston assisted in replacing the thousands of shattered panes.

For all concerned last night was the most restful since the explosion. The sinking of the munitions steamer Pieton yesterday with the subsequent official assurance that there were no more explosive-laden vessels in the harbor, drove away fears of further possible disaster and permitted residents and relief workers to sleep in peace.

Another Snow Storm

The weather early today was the coldest of the winter with an unofficial thermometer reading of 2 degrees above zero. The ground was a solid frozen mass and there was every promise of an ideal winter day.

But at 11 o'clock after the wind had shifted from the north, there was a light fall of snow, a half an hour later the sun appeared.

It was characteristic Halifax weather.

Two Toronto relief workers were compiling careful lists of all unidentified bodies and are seeing that those unclaimed are prepared for burial.

Mass funerals will be held in the local cemeteries for some weeks to come.

Arrests of German residents were continued throughout last night and today.

Troops patrolling the ruined area have been ordered to use every effort to prevent looting.

URGE MASS. RELIEF HEAD TO STAY AT HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—A. C. Ratshesky, a Boston banker in charge

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POLICE OFFICER CALLED IN MURDER TRIAL

DEDHAM, Dec. 11.—Details of the investigation of the shooting of Mrs. Pauline A. Keyes at her home in Brookline and of the arrest of Miss Harriet A. Varney at West Upton in this connection, were told today by H. Allen Rutherford, sergeant of the Brookline police, in his testimony at the trial of Miss Varney on a charge of murder. Rutherford described the finding of a bullet hole in the panel of the Keyes dining room, and of the later discovery of a bullet behind the panel. He also declared that bullets in an automatic pistol found by him in a trunk in the house were different from those fired from the revolver that killed Mrs. Keyes. The witness identified clothing worn by Miss Varney on the night of her arrest.

Before the examination of Rutherford, Dr. George B. Magrath, medical examiner of Suffolk county, called into the case as an expert, reiterated his testimony of yesterday that a bullet wound behind the ear would stun the victim. Testimony of Parker B. Morrill, counsel for George H. Keyes, brought out only that he had given Keyes advice after the murder although the latter in court waived any rights he might have by reason of the relations of counsel and client.

Dist. Atty. Katzmann read into the record over the objection of the defense a stenographic report of his interview with Miss Varney on the night of her arrest. In answer to questions by the district attorney, according to the stenographer's notes, Miss Varney told of taking a train from North Grafton at 2.16 a. m. on June 19, reading a paper while waiting in the Back Bay station in Boston until 11.30. She said she spoke to no one and saw no one there whom she knew. From there she went to the Public garden, where she met Keyes, got his advice on the hospital position she was about to take and then went to lunch with him. She said she ate a part of a large order which was served her. Witnesses at the trial had stated that she ate but little.

RAILROADS WAR BOARD TO SEE PRES. WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The railroads war board today asked President Wilson to receive its members for a conference, which was arranged for Wednesday afternoon.

Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the board, said today:

"The railroads war board has asked the president for an appointment. We are advised that we will be received tomorrow. Our consistent effort has been to be of service to the nation in time of war, and we hope that we may be able to be of assistance to the president in respect of any action he may contemplate."

GERMAN TRAINS BLOWN UP—HUNDREDS KILLED

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The correspondent at Amsterdam of the Daily Express reports that the Germans are rushing troops to the western front with the idea of smashing the entente allies before America is able to act, and adds:

"One of the results of this is that two German munitions trains collided on Thursday. Both were blown up and several hundred soldiers killed or wounded."

N. H. HEALTH INSPECTOR

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 11.—Joseph G. Duval of Manchester was today appointed inspector for the state board of health to succeed Wallace F. Purrington of Concord resigned to enter the government service.

SPECIAL LAW TO EFFECT RAILROAD UNIFICATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Wilson's intention to ask congress for special laws to effect railroad unification for the duration of the war, gave a new aspect today to the transportation problem faced by congressional leaders, war administrators and railroad executives. The president probably will ask for the legislation in an address to congress before the holiday recess.

Although there was nothing to show that the president had confided his full intentions and officials were doubtful as to just what he might ask, most of his advisers favor government operation and declare that the president already has power by the army appropriations act to take over the roads under an administrator.

Railroad opposition to governmental operation, well understood by officials, was emphasized again yesterday in a letter to Senator Newlands from Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the railroad war board. The letter said the roads did not seek repeal of legislation, believing the co-operative use of facilities already put in operation would solve the problem.

Not, the letter said, did they seek a loan from the government, but rather asked government aid in obtaining new capital for them on their own credit. Other measures suggested by Mr. Harrison to bring about maximum efficiency were increased rates, priority for transportation of railroad equipment and material, the appointment of a traffic manager for government shipments and exemption from draft of railroad employes.

JOHN M'CORMACK GIVES $100,000 TO RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A gift of $100,000 to the Red Cross from John McCormack, the tenor, was announced today. Paying his own expenses he will make a patriotic concert tour from the Atlantic to the Pacific, opening in Washington, Dec. 18, with a concert which the president and Mrs. Wilson have announced they will attend.

"I will keep on singing until I have earned $100,000 which the American Red Cross may use as it sees fit," said Mr. McCormack in making his offer. "The work will be a privilege to me and I will perform it with an enthusiasm such as I never have felt before."

POINTS IN GERMANY'S PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Times attributes to a responsible source the statement that during the informal conversations between the Russian and German representatives at Brest-Litovsk regarding the armistice on the eastern front the Germans indicated that the following points were likely to be included in any of their peace negotiations:

Germany to have control of the Russian wheat market for 15 years.

All German goods to be admitted to Russia duty free.

No territory now occupied by Germans to be surrendered.

The correspondent says the Bolsheviki were disappointed by the reserved attitude of the German negotiators and their lack of sympathy with political idealism. Other causes contributed to their depression, but it is stated they are determined to conclude an armistice at any cost if the latest appeal by the Russian commissioners to the allies fails.

RESIGNS FROM LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Lack of sympathy with the war policy of the League to Enforce Peace of which William H. Taft is president, has caused Robert H. Gardiner of Gardiner, Me., to resign as state chairman of the Maine branch of the organization, it was announced here today. In a letter accepting Mr. Gardiner's resignation, William H. Short, secretary of the league wrote:

"The league has so often both declared and demonstrated that it is not a pacifist organization that we are somewhat surprised that one of our state chairmen should only now have discovered the fact."

Mr. Gardiner in his letter charged that the league "seems to have now no policy except to join officially in the effort to crush Germany. It may be that it is necessary that Germany should be crushed but I cannot see in that any reason why the league should abandon its original object. The recent appeal of Lord Lansdowne, whether it succeeds or fails, is one example of what the league might have done in an effort to remain true to its original principles."

Secretary Short in his letter said the league does not share with Lord Lansdowne's views. "We feel bound, on the contrary," he wrote, "to use our entire influence against the German scheme for a premature peace, believing that a peace made with the unrepentant Germany would be permanently fatal to the world's liberties and tranquility."

EXPLOSION AT NEWPORT, R. I. FUSE FACTORY

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 11.—There was a flash in a pan of explosive used for fuse making at the fuse factory at the torpedo station this morning which gave a scare but caused no damage and there was no one hurt, according to reports from the captain's office.

A couple of hundred girls are employed in the factory. The station fire department was turned out but there was no work for it to do.

WITH THE FIREMEN

An alarm from box 622 at 3.50 o'clock this morning, summoned a portion of the fire department to a slight blaze in the block numbered 501 Lakeview avenue, owned by Mrs. Eliza Riopelle. The fire was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

At 4.20 o'clock this morning, Hose 5 was called to a store at 410 Market street, where there was a slight blaze in a pile of sawdust. There was no damage done outside of the burning of a small hole in the floor. The fire was evidently caused by a cigaret stub which was carelessly thrown on the floor and swept into a pile of sawdust.

At 7.52 o'clock this morning, Hose 1[illegible] was called to the hardening room of the United States Cartridge company in Andrews street, where there was a slight blaze. Oil leaking through pipes leading into an oven became ignited when the fire under the oven was started this morning. There was no damage.

LOWELL MEN AT AYER ARE QUARANTINED

AYER, Dec. 11.—More than 300 soldiers at Camp Devens will be cut off from any opportunity of home leave for Christmas, because of quarantine regulations put into effect today, after the discovery of two cases of measles, one in the 24th company of the depot brigade and the other in Company G of the 302nd infantry. The quarantine will last 21 days. The men affected include some from Lowell, Worcester, New Bedford, Plymouth and Cape Cod towns.

Announcement was made today of the arrival of 50 men from the depot brigade at Fort Day, Governors Island, N. Y., where they had been transferred. Nothing was said as to the duty to which they will be assigned.

LICENSE ISSUE FEATURE OF TODAY'S ELECTION

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—The gain made by the license forces in Massachusetts city elections last week, lent an added interest to the elections held in 16 more municipalities today. In twelve of the cities mayors were to be elected and in several instances there had been sharp campaigns.

Lynn entered upon a new form of government, having recently rejected the commission plan in favor of a mayor and eleven councillors. In Newton, all parties endorsed Mayor Edwin O. Childs for re-election.

The cities voting were Attleboro Beverly, Chelsea, Everett, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Newburyport, Newton, Revere, Somerville, Woburn and Worcester.

CALL OFF STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Difficulties which threatened a strike of 2300 telegraphers employed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and a tie-up of traffic on one of the country's most important munitions and coal-carrying roads were settled today by the federal board of mediation and conciliation under the direction of Commissioner G. W. W. Hanger.

A basic 8-hour day and increased pay for overtime work were the most important concessions gained by the men. Questions of pay for all Sunday work and a general 20 per cent. increase in wages will be arbitrated.

Today's settlement is regarded by the Order of Railway Telegraphers as confirming the principle of an eight-hour day for operators, which had been established through demand made on western roads. It has been intimated that the separate demands on individual roads are the result of the union's determination to make the principle effective throughout the United States and the demands on other transportation lines are expected to develop soon.

BRICKLAYERS WANTED FOR U. S. ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Instructions to enlist in the army as many bricklayers as possible have been sent to recruiting offices throughout the country. These men will be sent to a concentration camp in the south for a short time and then to France to work on American airdromes. Attention was called to the advisability of getting these men into service before Friday when the law preventing men within the draft age from volunteering becomes effective.

U.S. SOLDIERS CHEER MRS. BELMONT IN FRANCE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 10.—(By the Associated Press.) Mrs. August Belmont of New York won the applause of several hundred soldiers who crowded the Y.M.C.A. building in the American hold headquarters town to hear her relate her experiences while visiting the soldiers near the British and French fronts. She urged the soldiers to carry the American fighting spirit throughout the war.

The automobile in which Mrs. Belmont was traveling was several hours behind its schedule in arriving at headquarters, instead of stopping for dinner, Mrs. Belmont went directly to the building where the soldiers had been waiting patiently. She was given a rousing cheer when she quoted this line from a play in which she appeared when she was Eleanor Robson:

"If things are not cheerful folks must be."

Mrs. Belmont later returned to Paris.

TUG WENT TO PIECES CREW PERISHED

DUNNVILLE, Ont., Dec. 11.—A lifeboat containing eight or nine men, apparently frozen to death, was reported off Fort Maitland yesterday. Three tugs are searching for it.

The tug Archie V of Port Dover struck the Tecumseh reef Sunday and went to pieces in the storm. No survivors landed and it is presumed the drifting boat carried her crew.

BRITISH OFFICERS HERE ON WAY TO CHINA

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 11.—On a liner arriving here yesterday were twelve British army officers who said they were on their way to China on a military mission. They declined to hint at the nature of their task. With them were nearly 70 officers of the Canadian overseas forces on leave of absence.

COUNT VON LUXBURG, DISMISSED GERMAN MINISTER, GOES TO SANITARIUM

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 10.—Count von Luxburg, the dismissed German minister to Argentine today entered a sanitarium to undergo treatment for a nervous disorder. This probably will further delay his departure from Argentine.

TWO FISHING VESSELS LOST

GLOUCESTER, Dec. 11.—Despatches to fisheries interests here today told of the loss of two Gloucester fishing vessels in a storm off the Nova Scotia coast last Friday. The schooner Joseph . Mesquita of 78 tons which was built only last year, was driven ashore and broken to pieces near Canso. The schooner Rhodora of 31 tons, went aground near Port Hawkesbury, C. B., and filled quickly. The crews of both craft were saved.

Carrier Pigeon With Message in German Captured at Halifax Today

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—The capture of a carrier pigeon, under whose wing was a message in German, was reported to the police today. The pigeon, probably wounded, in the explosion Thursday, entered the window of a home near the burned area. Its number was "New York No. 29."

The pigeon was delivered to the chief of police of Dartmouth who declined to make any statement pending the delivery of the message to the military authorities.

The woman who captured it said the bird was suffering intensely from the cold and seemed to have come in for shelter.

MILITARY COLLEGE FOR FIREMEN AT AYER

AYER, Dec. 11.—A military college for firemen was opened at Camp Devens today under the direction of Lt. John F. McAree, chief of the cantonment's fire department. Twenty-five picked men of the half-hundred that compose the fire-fighting forces at the camp commenced study of chemistry, including the explosive value of chemicals, and a course in French, German and Italian.

This latest innovation in the training of New England's national army division is intended, according to Chief McAree, who saw many years of fire-fighting as a captain in the New York city department, to prepare the men for any emergency, including transfer for duty abroad. All the men in the camp's permanent department are former members of fire departments in 17 New England cities and towns. The new college will also give the men a chance to take a course in practical laboratory work and it is the intention to fit them so that when they return to civil life they will be available for higher positions in the fire departments which they left when they were drafted for military service.

WOMAN FINED $50 FOR CARRYING PISTOL

While Sergt. Bartholomew Ryan was walking through Merrimack street last night his attention was attracted to a woman who had something sticking out of one of her pockets which resembled the handle of a revolver. The officer accosted the woman and invited her to accompany him to the police station where it was found that the weapon was a Colt 32 calibre of the automatic type, and was loaded.

When questioned by Capt. Atkinson the woman said she was carrying the gun for self-protection, claiming that in a shooting affray which took place in upper Market street about a week ago her husband had been fired at, and she was fearful lest an attempt might be made on her life. She gave the name of Agne Svolerandopoulos and her address as 13 Lagrange street.

She appeared before Judge Fisher in police court this morning and entered a plea of guilty to a complaint charging her with carrying a pistol without having a permit to do so. She was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of $50. She appealed and was held under $300 for the superior court.

VIENNA COMMENT ON U. S. DECLARATION OF WAR

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10.—Commenting on America's declaration of war against Austria-Hungary the Neues Wiener Tagblatt of Vienna says:

"President Wilson's sudden idea that war must be declared against Austria-Hungary on the ground that she is Germany's vassal is the craziest of his career as war inciter. We are not frightened by his declaration of war. That Mr. Wilson should think he knows us better than we know ourselves make us laugh.

The Fremdenblatt of Vienna refers to the fact that America's declaration was almost simultaneous with the armistice negotiations with Russia and says it is a natural presumption that President Wilson sees in the turn of events in Russia the danger of a possible peace and desires by his move to prevent the old world from finding repose and to head off stoppage of garnering of the enormous advantages obtained by Americans from the devastation of European states by war.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The regular monthly meeting and election of officers of Branch No. 25, N.A.L.C., was held at its quarters in the Odd Fellows building Saturday night. There was a lively contest on for the different positions. The officers for the ensuing year will be as follows: President, George L. Hunt; vice president, John O'Rourke; secretary, David Dwyer; treasurer, John P. Shehan; collector of the sick benefit, Charles A. Carey; financial secretary, James J. Custer; member of the board of trustees for three years, Wallace Hafey and sergeant-at-arms, Thure Gillinson.

Much business was transacted and committees reported pertaining to the welfare of the association. It was decided to have a joint installation of the officers with the postoffice clerks, the fourth Saturday in January. John J. Foley of Boston will install the officers and will give a report of the work that the national officers of the association have accomplished.

Many letters were received from the members of congress, stating their attitude on the increased salary bill that will come before congress at an early date.

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS WILL MEET AT CITY HALL FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The physicians and surgeons in Lowell and northern Middlesex county are to meet at the aldermanic chamber at city hall Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint those doctors who are to stay at home with their duties in case wounded men from Europe should be transported home and need care.

The principal speaker will be Major Fred B. Lund, a prominent Boston surgeon. Dr. William P. Lawler, of this city, president of the Middlesex North District Medical society will preside. All doctors, no matter what organization they are members of, are cordially invited to attend.

Major Lund will speak on the progress of medicine and surgery thus far in the war. He will also define the work to be done in the event of wounded soldiers being brought back to this country. It is said that the major has information which will be beneficial to every physician and surgeon.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM LOWELL SOLDIERS IN THE WAR ZONE

The following letter was received recently by a teacher in the Lowell high school from Private Gardner G. Gill who is now in France with the Headquarters company of the 101st ammunition train. Private Gill was a member of the 1913 graduating class of the high school and was prominent in football circles at the Kirk street institution:

"Dear Miss —— I don't know whether this will reach you or not, but here goes. No doubt you will be surprised to receive this from across the water, but I am "over here" and am slowly increasing my French vocabulary. It is from the practical end, not the book end.

"As you probably know there are many Lowell boys over here in Lowell organizations but I am not in any of those organizations. I am in the headquarters company of the ammunition train. Among the former Lowell high school fellows whom I have met are the following:

Roger Sherman, '11; Newell Harris, '13; Walter Douglass, '15; John Larrett, '16.

"Harris came over on the same boat with me but is not in this camp. The other three are here. Sherman is not in a Lowell organization but the other two are.

"I have been here a little over a month and like our camp location very much. This climate seems to agree with most of the fellows and many of them are gaining weight.

"I neglected to mention above that my brother, Jesse Gill, L.H.S. '11, is over here but not in this camp. He is in a different branch of the service. I met him in England but saw him for only an hour as his company was leaving the day I arrived. He was over about a week ahead of me. We had a very uneventful trip on the water.

"I received a letter from Lowell dated October 4th with a clipping of the Lowell High-St. John's Prep. game, the score being 0 to 0. I hope Lowell continues the good work. I know Quarterback McNerney. His brother was on the same ship that I came over on. He and Harris are in the same outfit.

"Will close with best wishes and kind regards from your star scholar (?).

"Gardner G. Gill."

Private Bert Conley

Bert Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Conley, 219 Ludlam street, is a horseshoer with Co. A of the 101st Military police now in France. In a letter dated Nov. 10 he writes his mother in part as follows:

Dear Mother: I am writing this because I have already written several letters and have not received an answer.

It does nothing but rain here all the time. I have met quite a few fellows here whom I know and I am chumming around with a fine respectable fellow. We've become great friends.

Well, Ma, how are all the folks at home? Tell them to write to me because a letter from home certainly goes good these days. Tell all the folks that I am well.

Your loving son,
Bert Conley.

Lieut. MacBrayne's Injuries

A letter written by Lieut. W. C. MacBrayne of this city,—and apparently delayed for some time in transit,—serving with the 102d field artillery in France, has been received, in which he stated that he is not permitted to tell where or in what manner he was injured, but that he received a broken nose and wrist, and that two other men, not of his regiment, were also sent to the hospital. It is known, however, that he has since returned to his regiment. The Lowell battery is now receiving instruction on the big guns and the men are reported to be showing great aptitude, though they had only preliminary instruction in the handling of field pieces before leaving the country.

Sergt. C. F. Brown

In a letter to a friend in this city, Sergt. C. F. Brown, formerly an organist at St. Anne's church, now with Base Hospital 36 in France, writes:

"I am writing this letter on shipboard. At last I am really on my way to Europe. It is wonderful, like the opening up of some new and wildly exciting book which I have heard everyone talking of, but which I hardly dared ever to be able to see for myself. It will be difficult to describe to you the subconscious feeling of expectancy and the sense of absolute ignorance as to what the future will offer. We travel at night without a light, either on deck or in any place where it would be visible from without. There is a feeling of expectancy because now that we are in the danger zone we might be torpedoed at any moment. One reaches the state where he sort of anticipates each instant the impact of the blow. The weather has been and continues most favorable, though the sky is overcast and there is a rather high sea on. Last night the wind blew terrifically, and it was intensely thrilling to be on deck with the absolute blackness all around. One might try to walk a short distance fighting his way against the gale, suddenly to run amuck against someone endeavoring to go in the opposite direction. I thought of so many things. Were it not for the other ships crossing with us, there would have been a most poignant feeling of terrible helplessness.

"We left Detroit very suddenly, and within 24 hours were on board ship, sailing immediately. We stopped at a nearby port for several days, in a most beautiful harbor. We are on a very good English boat with other military organizations, and now expect to make port in a day if the good Lord shields us from the dreaded torpedo. Due to my recent promotion to a first-class sergeancy I am traveling second-class, while the balance of the enlisted men are third-class, the officers and nurses of course going first-class. There is a young woman with the unit, a civilian, who plays the cello beautifully. We have spent some very pleasant hours practicing. It is not permitted, however, for the women of the organization to speak to an enlisted man, and we probably will have to cease these somewhat clandestine meetings."

BAY STATE TO ABANDON NON-PAYING LINES

Special to The Sun.

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 11.—All non-paying lines of the Bay State Street Railway company are to be abandoned and the tracks torn up, according to the plans of the directors of that road announced to the public service commission yesterday by General Manager Goff.

The Bay State has had experts at work going over the entire system, Mr. Goff said, and there is strong indications that at least 103 miles of track will be abandoned. This gigantic tearing up of street car tracks is considered the largest abandonment in the history of street railroading in Massachusetts.

Mr. Goff declined to say just what lines will be abandoned or what cities and towns will be affected, and would only state that the lines which it is definitely decided, at this time, to discontinue, are the Wilmington-Billerica line, the Lakeville-Elliot's corner and the Assinippee line.

Chairman Frederick J. Macleod of the public service commission asked Mr. Goff, when the Bay State's manager made the announcement, whether the commission was to understand that every road, or every section of a road which does not pay a return on the capital invested, is to be abandoned, Mr. Goff explained that such was the "intention of the road's director's with some slight variations."

The manager said that there are a number of the company's lines which have very light patronage, and while they serve the interests of some few, there are not enough patrons on those lines to warrant their continuation.

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REDUCTION OF MILLION BALES IN COTTON CROP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Reduction of more than a million bales in the cotton crop of the country from the last estimate made was shown in the final estimate of production issued today by the department of agriculture.

JURY WAS EXCUSED

Owing to the continued illness of Justice King, who was presiding over the civil session of the superior court in this city, the jury in the case of Stanton vs. Brickett, an action of contract, which was started last week, was excused for further consideration yesterday and Clerk Hurd announced that all other cases on the list would be transferred to East Cambridge.

NATIONAL LEAGUE TAKES UP WAR-TIME BASEBALL PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—War-time baseball problems such as salary reductions, extra taxes, shorter schedules and reduction of player limit, confronted members of the National league at their annual meeting here this afternoon. Various club owners previous to the meeting indicated that while these and other subjects would be discussed informally, no formal action would be taken until the proposed joint conference of the major league at Chicago later in the week.

Reading of reports for last year and election of officers constituted the only formal program for today's session. The league already has invited Pres. Tener and Secretary Heydler to remain in office for another term, and it is believed they will accept, although there was a recurrence of rumors that Tener would quit the league.

INTERNATIONAL B. B. LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—International baseball league club owners after a brief session yesterday expected today to get down to the real business that brought them together in annual meeting. Some of the owners are disposed to suspension during the war, while others are hopeful of starting with a six-team circuit.

Montreal and Richmond probably will be dropped, it was generally admitted.

MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rann Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy being better known as Edith Wynne Mathison, entertained the members of the Middlesex Women's club yesterday afternoon with a joint recital of "Alcestis" in Colonial hall. Mr. Kennedy had previously been heard in this city alone but accompanied by his wife his work reaches the heights of real dramatic ability.

Mrs. Kennedy has had abundant experience in the drama and it seemed at yesterday afternoon's performance that she had collected all her good characteristics and merged them into a rotund whole for the benefit of her listeners.

"Alcestis" calls for the best of dramatic ability and both Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy fully measured up to the required standard. Mr. Kennedy's powerful reading of the lines and his versatility in shifting from the interpretation of one character to that of another more than made an impression on the audience.

The chorus numbers of the great tragedy were borne by both and here Mrs. Kennedy displayed another interesting phase of her power. The recital was much enjoyed by the members of the club and several out of town visitors also admired it.

LABOR UNIONS

Regular meetings of the following organizations were held last evening: Bottlers, Teamsters and Loomfixers.

RED CROSS DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

A drive for new members will be inaugurated by the North Middlesex county chapter of the American Red Cross society next Monday morning and will continue until Dec. 26. It is hoped to increase the membership in Lowell from 20,000 to 50,000.

The local campaign will be simultaneous with a national drive. The local chapter, the Middlesex, has had its territory reduced from practically all of Middlesex county to Lowell and the following towns:

Ayer, Billerica, Burlington, Bedford, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Dunstable, Dracut, Groton, Littleton, Pepperell, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Westford and Wilmington.

The 30,000 new members will come from both the city itself and these towns. The first meeting in connection with the campaign will be held next Friday night in Memorial hall at 6.30 when the workers will organize. A dinner will be served. It is not expected that noonday luncheons will be held but it is anticipated that the workers will get together daily for a business session.

The campaign is not designed to raise money but merely to enlarge the membership rolls. A fee of $1 is charged to become a member of the Red Cross. Upon payment of a dollar one automatically becomes a member of the society and receives a 1918 membership button.

For the purposes of bookkeeping, those who are already members of the society are asked to renew their memberships during the coming campaign.

Following is the framework of the campaign organization as announced by Robert F. Marden, campaign manager:

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Robert F. Marden, campaign manager.
John H. Murphy, campaign secretary.
George R. Chandler, general treasurer for deposits.
Harold D. Macdonald and Miss Julia Pevey, assistant treasurers.
Mrs. Boyden H. Pillsbury, membership listing secretary.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James C. Reilly, assistant campaign manager.
Albert D. Milliken, industries.
Paul B. Chandler, miscellaneous items and loose ends.
Miss Ruth Burke, women's campaign.
Mrs. George A. Leahy, assistant membership listing secretary.
Dudley L. Page.
Arthur T. Safford.
James F. Owens.
John A. Hunnewell.
Philip S. Marden.

TEAM 1

Capt. George H. Spillane, insurance men and companies.
E. W. Thomas, Boott mills.
Albert L. Paul, Whitall Mfg. Co. and Pentucket Narrow Fabric Co.
Frederick Johnston, Shaw Stocking Co., Lowell Hosiery.
Arthur Dion, Harvard Brewing Co.
D. W. McKenzie, wholesale produce and wholesale grocers.
Frank D. Proctor, American Woolen Co., Bay State mill.
Francis A. Connor, public buildings department, school janitors.
Fred C. Weld, chemists, opticians, Avery Chemical Co., Talbot Dyewood & Chemical Co.
John W. Crawford, water works department.
Abel R. Campbell, constables, deputy sheriffs, real estate men.

TEAM 2

Capt. George C. Fairburn, retail provisions and markets.
Jude C. Wadleigh, Merrimack Manufacturing Co.
E. M. Fuller, Waterhead and Waterside mills.
Fred Timmons, Meyer Thread Co.
Allan D. Parker, wood workers and lumber dealers.
David Gerow, retail grocers.
J. Lawler Ford, bookbinders, printers, stationers.
Mrs. Rose Jordan Hartford, milliners.
Miss Marguerite Turgeon, dressmakers.
Miss Margaret Courtney, nurses.

TEAM 3

Capt. John M. O'Donoghue, lawyers.
William A. Mitchell, Massachusetts, cotton mills.
James F. Flemings, paper dealers.
Ray Webster, druggists.
William Scully, bakers.
Millard F. Wood, jewelers.
Fred A. Bates, health department.
John L. Collins, Lowell Electric Light corporation.
Maj. Walter R. Jeyes, clubs and fraternal organizations.
Walter J. Nelson, theatres and theatrical profession.

TEAM 4

Capt. Edward B. Carney, banks, bankers and brokers.
Stephen T. Whittier, Hamilton Manufacturing Co.
Arthur A. Wright, Barry Shoe Co. Federal Shoe Co.
Percy Gulline, Columbia Textile Co.
Albert E. O'Leir, furniture dealers.
Joseph Mullin, coal, wood, grain and ice dealers.
Frank T. Mussey, laundries.
C. F. Grover, New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.
Frederick J. Nevery, ladies' outfitters.
John K. Whittier, machine shops, foundries, boiler works.

TEAM 5.

Capt. George H. Runels, hardware dealers, manufacturers' supplies.
Elmer F. Bowen, Appleton Co.
F. W. Brown, Boston & Maine railroad in Lowell.
John F. White, clothing, men's furnishings, sporting goods.
Joseph L. Sargent, proprietary medicines, American Mason Safety Tread Co.
Ernest L. Kimball, metal workers, sign painters.
Rev. William F. English, Jr., Protestant clergymen.
Rev. Francis J. Mullin, Catholic clergymen.
John B. Blessington, street department.
John J. Sullivan, tailors.

TEAM 6.

Capt. Everett F. Gray, Lowell Gas Light Co., Bigelow-Hartford Carpet Co.
Everett H. Walker, Lawrence Manufacturing Co.
G. Russell Dana Jr., garages, carriage manufacturers, bicycles.
William Buzzell, department stores, five and 10-cent stores.
Walter Clarkson, shoe dealers.
Owen A. Monahan, city hall employes.
Benjamin Green and Abram S. Goldman, Hebrew colony.
Henry Reynolds, blacksmiths, horseshoers.
J. O. Heinze, the Lamson Co.

TEAM 7.

Capt. Charles Nichols, tea dealers, architects, accountants, auctioneers, dairy products stores.
M. A. Rawlinson, Tremont & Suffolk mills.
George A. Lyon, Lyon Carpet Co., Massachusetts Mohair Plush Co.
Henry H. Harris, school teachers and schools.
William H. Ross, Lowell Fertilizer Co.
John T. Conway, teamsters and truckmen.
James W. Jantzen, fire department.
Redmond Welch, police department.
Arthur G. Fox, restaurants, caterers, shoe repair shops.
Wm. A. Lamson, U. S. Mailing Case Co., Ideal Comb Co., Knowles Scale Works.

TEAM 8

Capt. R. A. Wentworth, Saco-Lowell Shops, (L.M.S.)
Felix Langevin, Saco-Lowell Shops. (Kitson.)
Fred Crowley, Bay State Street Railway.
William T. White, American Hide & Leather Co.
Capt. W. P. White, Lowell Paper Tube corporation, Middlesex Co., Ipswich Hosiery, Lowell Felt Co.
Charles L. Marren, liquor dealers and workers.
Dr. Hugh Walker, dentists.
John Dwyer, painters, decorators.
Alvah H. Weaver, roofers, masons, plasterers.
F. C. Willard, International Steel and Ordnance.

TEAM 9

Capt. Thomas J. O'Donnell, undertakers, stables.
E. G. Sophos and Vasilios Glavis, Greek community.
C. A. Portman, Newton Mfg. Co.
George McIntire, Pilling Shoe Co., Spaulding Shoe Co., Foster Shoe Co., Snow Shoe Co.
John H. Johnson, carpenters, builders.
Dr. A. R. Gardner, physicians.
Howard L. Whiteley, Lowell Bleachery.
Cyrus W. Russell, Bagshaw Co., florists, gardeners.
Lester A. Femings, Bay State Cotton Corp.
George Stevens, United States Bunting Co.

TEAM 10

Capt. Fred F. Hayward, music dealers, musicians, music teachers.
C. Fred Cunningham, United States Cartridge Co.
Joseph A. Legare, Heinze Electric Co.
Royal P. White, Stirling-Belvidere Woolen mills.
George A. Stewart, plumbers, steamfitters.
Melvin Master, milk dealers.
Thomas Burke, Barber Mfg. Co., C. H. McElvoy Co., N. E. Bunting Co.
Robert Robertson, T. Martin & Bros., J. A. Dalrymple, Deavitt Mfg. Co., Northern Waste Co.
Reuben Dunsford, Lowell Insulated Wire Co., Boutwell Bros., Inc., Cheney box shop.

TEAM 11

Capt. Edward Fisher, suburban towns.

Ayer	Groton
Billerica	Littleton
Burlington	Pepperell
Bedford	Tewksbury
Carlisle	Tyngsboro
Chelmsford	Westford
Dunstable	Wilmington
Dracut	

TEAM 12

Alex. E. Williams, captain and director.
Boy Scouts to canvass homes of Highlands and Centralville Heights.

TEAM 13

Mrs. Herbert D. Pickering, captain and director.
Women to canvass homes of Belvidere.

TEAM 14

Mrs. Joseph Cayouette, captain and director.
Women to canvass homes of Pawtuckeville.

TEAM 15

Miss Mary Devine, captain and director.
Women to canvass homes of outer Gorham street, Chelmsford street and Wigginville.

TEAM 16

Mrs. Delorme, captain and director.
Women to canvass homes of West Centralville and Pawtucket street district.

MAJ. BEITH OF THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS COMING HERE

The Middlesex Women's club will present Major Ian Hay Beith, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, in a new illustrated lecture on the progress of the war on land and on sea, to be delivered at the First Congregational church next Monday evening.

Major Beith has but recently returned to the United States after spending several months on the other side, visiting the battle front, the American army, under General Pershing, the British fleet and the American ships at sea.

The talk will be illustrated with pictures taken by himself. He will lay emphasis on the human side and true to his Scotch sense of humor, will relate many amusing anecdotes and mirth provoking happenings—such as take away some of the grimness of war, to those who have the wit to discover them.

This new lecture is called "Carrying On," and will be an account of the later developments of the war from the allied standpoint.

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing. Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.

Hovey banjos, 402 Wyman's Ex.

J. F. Donohoe, 228 Hildreth Bldg., real estate and insurance, Telephone.

Stephen C. Garrity, formerly employed in the victrola department of the J. L. Chalifoux Co., has enlisted in the quartermaster's department of the Regular army and left Lowell yesterday for Ft. Slocum, N. Y. Later he will be transferred to Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Garrity wishes the many friends whom he has made in connection with his business interests to still feel at home to visit the victrola department at any time where Mr. A. L. Heiser will look after their wants.

Private John Taylor of the National army was presented a shaving kit and a $10 gold piece at a reception tendered him Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston in West Sixth street. In the course of the evening a varied entertainment program was given and refreshments were served.

If plans carry, between 400 and 500 children of this city will be entertained at dinner by the Salvation Army at Christmas. Members of the army are at their usual stations in the down town streets with their boxes and the public is requested to donate liberally. The dinner will be served in a large hall and will be followed by an entertainment. Adjt. E. W. Cark is in charge of arrangements.

Miss Gladys Crosskill, who has been in Lowell for the past month as the government worker in the campaign of education in war time economics, has been transferred to another city and her place in Lowell will be filled by Miss Bernice J. Everett, a graduate of Rogers Hall and Wesley, who has received her domestic science training at Simmons college. Miss Crosskill was in Lowell about one month and during that time she gave demonstrations and spoke before about 700 people. Miss Everett will keep up the good work started by her predecessor.

George Daigle, aged 39 years, living in Concord, N. H., was struck by a freight train in the southern yard of the Boston & Maine railroad last night and suffered injuries to his head and both hands. The ambulance was summoned and he was taken to St. John's hospital where it was necessary to amputate three of the fingers of the left hand and one on the right hand. The scalp wound which Daigle sustained is not considered very serious.

The first donation in Lowell towards the fund for the relief of the Halifax sufferers was received this morning by Mayor O'Donnell from Rev. N. W. Matthews, pastor of the Gorham Street M.E. church, who sent his check for $10. The fund is being raised at the request of Gov. McCall and will be known as the Massachusetts fund.

Considerable excitement was caused in Central street, opposite the New American hotel shortly after nine o'clock this morning when one of the trolley wires of the Bay State Street Railway Co. parted, one end dropping into the street. Fortunately there was no one in the way at the time. The police and the street railway officials were notified and in a very short time a police officer was on the scene and kept the crowd back and in a few minutes the wrecking crew of the railway company was on hand, but it was about 20 minutes before temporary repairs were made and traffic through that portion of the street was restored.

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RAILROAD PROBLEMS

The plight of the railroads is the most discouraging aspect of our preparations for war. How present conditions were brought about is well known. Regulation by forty-eight states under which one state through selfishness or political causes might block the will of all the others has been a great factor. The policy of banging the railroads as bloated corporations opposed to the interests of the people was carried to a ruinous extreme. The result is a loss of credit on the part of the railroads and a resultant financial collapse.

The remedies proposed by the railroads themselves have been numerous and varied, but they may be summarized in a general way in the following:

First—Federal supervision of railroad securities.

Second—Federal incorporation of interstate carriers.

Third—Federal regulation of rates.

Fourth—A regional and functional division of the work of the Interstate commerce commission.

Fifth—Restriction of rate suspensions to not more than sixty days.

Sixth—Giving the Interstate commerce commission power to prescribe minimum as well as maximum rates.

The railroad executives believe that with unified regulation under one head and regional sub-divisions, the present difficulties would be overcome. Many varied views are offered as to how the railroads can be rehabilitated without government ownership, among which are the following:

First—Increased rates and shorter periods of suspension.

Second—Federal regulation of rates and security issues.

Third—Federal regulation of wages.

Fourth—Repeal of state and federal anti-trust acts in their application to railroads.

Fifth—A division of the duties of the Interstate commerce commission, so the same body does not act as prosecutor, judge and jury.

Sixth—Co-operation on the part of legislative, regulating and shipping interests to protect railroad credit and to further railroad expansion.

Seventh—Co-operation of investors to protect and maintain credit.

Eighth—Recognition of our national unity of interest in a fundamental economic problem.

The third and fourth of these propositions, particularly the fourth, seem quite radical, although both may be found necessary in order to bring the railroads back to their normal condition of prosperity and working efficiency.

There has been such an overwhelming slump in railroad securities that it will require about a billion dollars a year for some years to bring them up to a status in which they will be able to handle the ever expanding business of the country in a satisfactory manner. But we are at war, and the needs of the government are imperative. Hence there is no time for experimentation or the slow constructive work here suggested. Hence government control for the duration of the war and government assistance financially appear to be the only methods by which the railroads can be made to meet the present needs of the nation.

President Wilson has decided to recommend to congress a plan for the unification of the railroads for the duration of the war. It will probably overcome their present inability to meet the necessities of the nation.

JERUSALEM

It is gratifying to the Christian world, exclusive of the Teutonic powers, that Jerusalem has been wrested from the hands of the Turks. The Holy City, the ancient capital of the Jebusites, the "City of David" and the capital of the Holy Land, is celebrated chiefly as being associated in Scripture with the life of Christ.

The Roman emperor, Constantine, under the inspiration of his mother, Helena, took pains to ascertain the sites of the various events in the passion of Christ and to have churches erected thereon and these thenceforward became objects of pious veneration to pilgrims from every part of the world.

Jerusalem fell under foreign domination in 614 when stormed by the Persian king. It was restored to the Roman emperor in 628, but in 637 fell into the hands of Calif Omar and in 1077 passed under Turkish domination. In 1099 it was taken by assault under Peter the Hermit and declared the capital of a Christian kingdom which was maintained until 1187, when the city passed under the yoke of the great Saladin, since which time, with a few slight interruptions, it has been under Turkish rule.

Its capture by the British will probably restore it permanently to Christian sway despite the peace slogan of "no annexations and no indemnities." The city should be held under international protection as the primitive seat of Christianity, the physical witness of man's redemption, made sacred as the scene of many of Christ's miracles, the site of the temple and many other memorials of the Savior's passion and death.

RED CROSS CRITICIZED

The following from the Wall Street Journal of December 7 is rather surprising:

"A Washington dispatch says the War department may decide to ignore the Red Cross in its plans for taking care of wounded. Charges that the [illegible]on has neglected this. Its [illegible] [illegible]ction, have been laid before the departm[illegible]nt. The Tribune quotes 'a man high in [illegible] councils of the War department' as saying that the Red Cross has been feminized to a high degree. Bandages and all other equipment for the wounded it has prepared, except the human equipment. France, he adds, is afflicted with many amateur American nurses, who consume food required for soldiers and inhabitants, but who do little real service."

It is true that the Red Cross has been besieged by women who want to be nurses but who lack the necessary training and qualification. Whether conditions are as alleged in the article quoted from the Wall street paper is not entirely clear. Our impression is, that while at present there may be some ground for this charge, yet when the real strain of war work comes, the Red Cross army will be found fully equal to all expectations. It would be wrong, of course, to quarter a lot of amateur nurses upon France or any other belligerent country. Only the nurses that are trained and fit should be sent into active service at the front.

A STORY IN THE ADVS.

Sometimes you can get real news by turning to the advertising columns. The little liner advertisements often contain whole stories of domestic or business bliss, despair, joy or deviltry and occasionally the big display advertisements clearly disclose whether some well known merchant is dead, or still alive and kicking, by their very tone.

The foregoing, because we've dug out of the advertising columns of a Berlin newspaper the tragedy of a whole people.

For exchange, 50 Polish laborers, 20 men and 30 girls, for same number of other hands, says an adv., in The Deutsche Tages-Zeitung. Polish laborers in Germany are not permitted to change masters or to move from place to place without government authorization. With such authorization, however, the masters can make exchanges, as we swap horses and mules, or as our housewives exchange soap grease for soap, or old rags for door mats, kitchen tins and such.

Meanwhile, German autocracy talks independence and constitutional government to Poland. The independence of the dead and the government of serfdom!

OUR POOR, WEAK SUGGESTION

At Cleveland, third city of the world as to production of ready made garments, the garment manufacturers of the country are gathered to devise saving of cloth in women's suits, and it is really a movement for conservation of the highest importance.

Why save wheat, meat, sugar, fuel and such, and keep right on blowing in money on superfluous cloth?

Why put a week into knitting socks that can be bought for $1.12 and go around in an overskirt containing enough cloth to make $12 worth of socks?

Why put father on an allowance of 1 egg and 1 potato per day, that he may save money for Liberty bonds, and spend 40 eggs and 40 bushels of potatoes on a serge bag whose only duty is to flop in the wind? Is there a lady present who can answer that?

We admit that we are weak on suggestions for those designers at Cleveland. Their proposition to make 'em shorter at the bottom or lower at the top is chock-full of dreadful possibilities. If either of those alternatives has to be adopted, cannot a whole lot of elastic be put into them? We refer to the skirts, not to the wearers.

THE BOSTON BATTLE

The fall of Jerusalem and the events of the western battlefront will be matters of secondary interest in Boston until the mayoralty battle shall have been decided in defeat or victory for Curley. At present it is difficult to predict just what the outcome will be, although the G. G. A. is attempting to execute a turning movement on the Curley forces that would enable Peters to go over the top on Curley's first line trenches. But it must not be forgotten that the Curley forces are so strongly entrenched that nothing but heavy artillery fire from all the opposing points of vantage can ever dislodge them.

SEEN AND HEARD

The man who spends time bewailing his hard luck increases it.

Being rich won't make you happy, and this rule works both ways.

The man who gets the most out of life is the man who puts the most into it.

You can flatter almost any one you know as easily as almost any one you know can flatter you.

Even when a man makes a fool of himself, he often tries to put the blame on some one else.

Knowledge may be power, but the ignorant navvy can dig more in a day than the college professor can in a week.

When a girl is eighteen years old, it is hard for her to realize that she may be only thirty-two when she is thirty-eight.

Try to feel cheerful, even if you are sure that few people in the neighborhood where you used to live know what has become of you, and nobody cares.

One on the Landlord

"There was never but one guest at this here hotel that swung me while I was on the job," the landlord confided. "Many have beat me but not while I was awake. But this here feller certainly has got one on me. Say, he's livin' here yet an' he ain't never paid me a cent. Why don't I collect his bill? How can I? Wait till I tell you.

"He'd been stoppin' here for near two months when I approached him on the subject of gettin' something on account. He was cheerful. I was polite. Finally I got mad and put it up to him straight.

"'Young man,' says I, 'you can't leave this hotel till you pay your bill.'

"'Will you put that in writin'?' says he. "And before I knowed what I was doin' I done it."—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

Priority.

So many things I have to do.
I don't know which to take up first.
Of course, I know I'd counsel you
To do the thing you hate the worst.
With that completed, finished, done,
Only more pleasant tasks await.
First do the worst, and leave the one
You like the best to take up late.

If you've a duty that you dread,
Don't put it off, perform it quick.
Don't hesitate, just go ahead,
You'll chuckle when you've done the trick.
Don't start in with the easiest stunt
And leave the hardest to do last,
Or at the end you may confront
A hopeless task, and stand aghast.
—Somerville Journal.

Tightwad Outclassed

A Muncie's solicitor for the second Liberty Bond issue after asking a notorious "tightwad" of the town to buy one or more bonds, was met by the reply, "I got one of the first issue and can't afford to buy any more."

"Where's your Liberty Bond button, then?" asked the solicitor.

"The baby swallowed it," was the reply.

"Well, then, show me the receipt for your payments for the first bond."

"Can't; cat chewed it up."

"What proof have you, then, that you have brought a bond?"

"Well, I can show you the baby and the cat."

On hearing this facetious reply, the solicitor said: "Well, you can at least do me the favor to drive me in your car to the home of a possible customer," and the other, overjoyed to get away without "loosening," hastily complied. The solicitor gave the "tightwad" the address of the latter's next-door neighbor. Arriving there, the patriotic one did not go into that house, but proceeded to the home of his friend who had refused him, the friend, in amazement, trailing along. "Mrs. Blank," said the solicitor to the "tightwad's" wife, who opened the door: "I am working in the interest of the government and I should like to see your baby."

"My baby?" queried the astonished wife, "why, he's 23 years old and lives in California."

"Ah, indeed! Well, then, may I inspect your cat?"

Looking at him with frightened eyes, as though she were gazing on a maniac, but somewhat assured by her husband's presence, the wife replied to this, "I never had a cat in my life. I hate 'em and wouldn't have one of 'em around."

Then turning to the husband who had wilted into a chair, the solicitor made out an application for a $100 bond, filled out a check for a similar amount and presented them to the husband, saying: "Just sign on the lower lines, please."

The "tightwad" was too much taken aback to do anything but comply.—Indianapolis News.

Pension Widows

In the Ashbrook pension bill, which passed the last session of congress, the American government for the first time offers certain of its women citizens an insurance against unsuccessful marriage. Up to the present time a pensioned soldier's widow who remarried automatically disappeared from the pension rolls. But now, under this new legislation, she can resume her pensionable status on the death of her second husband.

But the law does far more than that. In case such a soldier's widow marries again and is divorced from the second husband for causes that reflect no discredit upon herself, she again automatically regains her pension. Evidently remarriage is thus made safe for soldiers' widows, the sacred institution, so far as they are concerned, loses its traditional character of a lottery. Taken in connection with the easy divorce laws of many states, the eligible soldier's widow runs not the slightest risk. She enters the state with the foreknowledge that, if the prospective husband proves unsatisfactory, the government stands ready to protect her against the financial consequences of having made a bad choice.

This pension wonder advances to the pension roll many thousands of widows who have been storming it for years. The original pension law granted allowances only to "war widows"—that is, women whose husbands had been killed in the Civil war. But congress, in 1890, passed a law which "covered in" all the women who had married soldiers up to that date. This legislation caused tremendous protest at the time, as it was claimed that young women, born in many cases, after the war, had married veterans merely for the purpose of ascending the pension roll after their husband's death.

In this Ashbrook law, any girl who married a soldier before 1905 will draw $20 a month for life after his death. Here, for example, is a girl, aged 22 in 1905, who marries a 60 or 70-year old veteran. She herself was born in 1883, nearly 20 years after the war ended. On her husband's death she gets $20 a month for life. If she lives until she is 90 she will draw this pension, merely because she had the foresight to marry a poor old veteran who was tottering toward the grave.—World's Work.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Loyal Integrity lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., was held last night and despite the severe weather, the attendance was very large. Noble Grand David Thomas presided and considerable business was transacted during the evening. P. S. Thomas Chadwick and Treasurer George Chase were appointed to secure a service flag for the lodge. The committee on the tobacco fund for soldier members in the army in France reported progress. Officers for the ensuing six months were nominated.

Loyal Integrity Staff association held its regular meeting in the same hall Sunday morning, Dec. 9. President Thomas M. Smith presided. There was a large amount of regular routine business, and officers for the ensuing term were nominated. A successful rehearsal of the drill was held under Chief of Staff Thomas M. Smith. During the social hour, the following program was given: Song, James Taylor; recitation, President Thomas M. Smith; song, V. P. Sidney Fryer, quartet, Elward Russell, Harry Barrett, William Alfano and P. G. Frank Bowles; song, William McCreadie; recitation and song, P. P. G. M. Edward Mackley; song, P. G. Frank Bowles.

The meeting closed with the singing of "The Star Spangle Banner" by the full chorus.

There was a large attendance at the regular meeting of Gen. Adelbert Ames camp, United Spanish War veterans, last night. The election of officers for 1918 was held, which resulted as follows: Commander, J. F. Crowley; senior vice commander, W. M. Prescott; junior vice commander, Richard Gibbons; officer of the day, Patrick Burns; officer of the guard, Thomas Conniff; trustee, Frank Dodge; delegates to the department convention, P. H. Driscoll, F. A. Boyle, C. H. Lambert and F. R. Cheney.

The next meeting of the camp will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, at the state armory, as the regular meeting night falls on Christmas. At this meeting, the contest for new members will close. Two new members were mustered in last night.

ELKS' POP CONCERT, CABARET AND DANCE IN AID OF CHRISTMAS CHARITY

The committee in charge of the Elks' pop concert, cabaret and dance to be held at the Kasino in Thorndike street Thursday night in aid of Christmas charity is working hard in order to make the affair a monster success. The program will include a variety of dancing and entertainment. Miss Thelma Lu Craft of Boston, perhaps better known as Souja Monologue, the young girl who has started the Hub talking of her cleverness, will be among the headline entertainers. The program also will include classical dancers, artists from B. F. Keith's circuit and the Strand theatre, and in addition, such favorites as Walter Davis, Miss Bertha Dion, Walter Clough, Miss Alice Dion, Miss Margaret McDonough, Mrs. Florence Saxon, Ed. "Tip" Handley, Commissioner James E. Donnelly and others.

LOWELL GUILD COUNCIL

At a regular monthly meeting of the Lowell Guild council held yesterday, the following report was made by Miss Price, acting superintendent:

	Met	Rg.	T'l
Total patients brought forward	16	49	65
Total new patients visited in homes	61	36	97
Total visits for nursing care	471	428	899
Friendly visits	—	1	—
Instructive visits	—	15	—
Unrecorded visits	—	9	—
Prenatal visits	—	10	—
New prenatals	1		
Total	17		
Milk station calls			406
New babies taken on breast fed			4
New babies taken on home modifications			6
Babies at conference			48
Relief given—			
Grocery orders			16
Home delivery quarts milk			365
Station modification quarts			231
Co-operating agencies—			
Board of charities			2
Lowell Sunday School league			6
Anti-tuberculosis council			3

AMBULANCE PURCHASED BY K. OF P. PRESENTED CAMP DEVENS

Officers of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias visited Camp Devens at Ayer yesterday afternoon and presented the camp the new ambulance which has been purchased from subscriptions given by Pythian lodges in cities all over the state.

A meeting of the service committee, on which are representatives of lodges in this city, Fitchburg, Ayer, Leominster and other cities, was held Sunday afternoon at Camp Devens. It was voted to send letters of thanks to those who contributed articles of food for the soldiers who were unable to leave the camp on Thanksgiving day.

The entertainment committee reported that the entertainment which was to have been held in Hut 23, on Saturday evening was postponed because of the storm, and will be held at a later date. Other entertainments to be held during the winter are also planned.

On Monday evening, Dec. 17, at 7 o'clock sharp, in the town hall at Ayer, the third degree rank will be worked on 90 men by the degree team of the Peter Woodland lodge. Lowell Pythians planning to attend should take the 5.47 o'clock train for Ayer. A special return car will leave Ayer at 10 o'clock, or the Lowell men may return in the special cars bound for Lynn, which will pass through this city.

The service committee of the Pythians probably will do the same for the men at Ayer on Christmas day as they did on Thanksgiving day, in the way of distributing favors and gifts.

GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS
Continued

improving their tactical positions. An apparently local attempt to cross the lower reaches of the Piave has been checked by the Italians who re-captured observation trenches taken by Austrian soldiers.

Official Entry Into Jerusalem

Official entry into Jerusalem is planned for today. Allied troops entered the city after it was surrendered and the Turks were forced to surrender. Capture of the city was delayed through the fear that fighting operations might result in the damaging of religious shrines.

Situation Grave In Moscow

Meagre reports from Russia indicate that the Bolsheviki are meeting with difficulty in maintaining control of Moscow. The situation there is reported grave, with the Bolsheviki garrison refusing to obey its commander who has ordered machine guns placed in the streets in anticipation of an uprising.

A Copenhagen despatch says that the Bolsheviki have ordered troops from the Caucasus to put down Generals Kaledines, Kornilow and Dutoff while from London it is reported large forces are being sent from the Baltic-Blacksea front into the Ukraine and the Cossack provinces. The Bolsheviki government controls virtually all the direct means of communication with the interior of Russia.

Aviation Activities

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The official statement on aviation activities, issued tonight reads:

"On Saturday, rain prevented flying until the afternoon, when a certain amount of artillery work and reconnoitering was done. Our airplanes dropped bombs on hostile billets and fired many rounds at ground targets. Two of our airplanes are missing."

Chinese Troops at Harbin

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 11.—Petrograd newspapers report that Chinese troops have arrived at Harbin, Manchuria, to protect Chinese interests, according to the Berlingske Tidende.

Fighting In Moscow

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Street fighting has occurred in Moscow and the Swedish consul there has advised all Swedes to leave the city, according to advices received in Harparanda and forwarded by the Stockholm correspondent of The Morning Post. It is added that starvation seems to threaten Moscow. Most of the Swedes there are said to have taken the consul's advice.

Patrol Encounters

PARIS, Dec. 11.—"Patrol encounters occurred north of Bezonvaux (Verdun front) and near Tahire (Champagne)," says the war office statement today. "Active artillery fighting developed in some sectors of upper Alsace and Lorraine."

Fear Uprising In Moscow

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The situation in Moscow is reported to be grave, according to a Times despatch from Petrograd. The Bolsheviki, according to Petrograd newspapers, have placed machine guns in the streets as they fear an uprising of hostile parties. The garrison, however, shows signs of insubordination and is reported to be disobeying the Bolsheviki commander, a private soldier named Muranoff.

Considerable forces, the despatch adds, are being detached from the western front to be sent against the Cossacks.

Martial Law at Jerusalem

LONDON, Dec. 11.—No attempt will be made to define the future position of Jerusalem until a general peace comes, the Times says. In the meantime the city will be treated as in British military occupation and will be under martial law. Gen. Allenby will appoint a military governor. While the British flag will fly over the city the French and Italian flags will be placed over their national property such as convents and schools.

A solemn thanksgiving and Te Deum will be held in St. Paul's cathedral today in celebration of the surrender.

To Suppress Counter Revolt

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 10.—As the Bolsheviki government has proofs that Gens. Kaledines and Dutoff have been arresting workmen's and soldiers' councils and trying to disarm revolutionary garrisons, according to a despatch received here from the official Petrograd telegram bureau, the government has decided to make an end to the counter revolutionary movement. It has ordered enough troops to suppress the movement to be transferred from the Caucasus. It is explained that the troops in the Caucasus were chosen so as not to diminish the forces on the eastern front.

THE STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Indications that the government intends to take over the railroads of the country for the duration of the war were without material effect on shares of that group at the dull opening of today's stock market. Reactions among the rails were mostly fractional with here and there a loss of a point. Equipments, specialties and utilities were under further pressure, Pullman falling 3 points and General Electric 1 1-4 with a point each for American Tobacco and People's Gas. Foreign bonds continued to weaken, but Liberty issues were steady.

The early steadiness of rails proved of short duration, moderate offerings later causing declines of 1 to 2 points in the active issues, while Louisville & Nashville fell four points and Lackawanna 10. Pullman increased its loss to 6 points, tobaccos yielded 3 to 10 and equipments, oils and specialties 1 to 3. Foreign bonds reflected further liquidation, the French issues making new low quotations with Anglo-French 5s. Liberty 4s sold at 97.26 to 97.36, and the 3 1-2s at 98.48 to 98.52.

Standard rails led the further shrinkage of quoted values in the early afternoon on moderate but steady liquidation. Specialties were again materially affected, American Tobacco showing an extreme loss of 10 points and Sears-Roebuck 6 points.

Trading became very active in the final hour when the entire list recorded lowest prices. The closing was weak. Liberty 4s sold at 97.26 to 97.50 and the 3 1-2s at 98.48 to 98.52.

Cotton Futures

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Cotton futures opened firm. December, 29.55; January, 28.90; March, 28.75; May, 28.65; July, 28.23.

Futures closed steady. December 30.40; January 29.54; March 29.37; May 29.15, July 28.78. Spot steady; middling 31.00.

New York Clearings

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Exchanges, $629,837,807; balances, $54,572,604.

Money Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Mercantile paper 5 1-2@ 53-4. Sterling: Sixty day bills on banks 4.71 1-2; commercial sixty day bills 4.70 1-2; demand 4.75 1-4; cables 4.76 7-16. Francs: Demand 5.73 1-4; cables 5.71 1-4. Guilders: Demand 43; cables 43 1-2. Lires: Demand 8.34; cables 8.32. Rubles: Demand 13; cables 13 1-2. Bar silver 85 5-8. Mexican dollars 66 1-2. Government bonds firm. Railroad bonds weak.

Time loans firm; sixty days 5@ 5 1-2; ninety days and six months 5 1-2@5 3-4.

Call money strong, high 6, low 5 3-4, ruling rate 6; closing bid 5 3-4, offered at 6, last loan 6.

NEW YORK MARKET

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Allis Chalmers	17	16	16
Am Beet Sugar	70⅞	70⅛	70⅞
Am Can	34	32	32
Am Can pf	97½	97	97½
Am Car & Fn	65	63½	63½
Am Car & Fn pf	102¾	102¾	102¾
Am Cot Oil	24	23¾	24
Am Hides L Com	11⅞	11⅝	11⅝
Am Hide & L pf	53	51½	51½
Am Locomo	50½	49⅛	49⅛
Am Locomo pf	97½	97½	97½
Am Smelt & R	72¾	69⅝	70
Am Smelt & R pf	100⅞	100⅞	100⅞
Am Sugar Rfn	94⅛	94¾	94¾
Am Sumatra	55	53¾	53¾
Am Wool	42½	41½	41½
Anaconda	56¼	55	55
Atchison	82½	80	80
Atchison pf	80	80	80
Atlantic Gulf	95	93	93½
Baldwin Loco	54	52⅛	52⅛
Balt & Ohio	47	46¼	46½
Balt & Ohio pf	54	53⅞	53⅞
Beth Steel A	75½	72	72
Beth Steel B	75¼	72¼	72¼
Br Rap Tran	40½	39	39½
Cal Pete	13	12	12
Cal Pete pf	35½	34½	34½
Canadian Pa	132	127½	128
Cast I Pipe Com	12	12	12
Cast I Pipe pf	46	46	46
Cont Leather	62	60	60¾
Cent Leather pf	100¼	100	100
Ches & Ohio	45¾	44½	44¼
Chi & Gt W Com	6⅞	6⅞	6⅞
Chi & Gt W pf	20	20	20
Chic R I & Pac	18	17¾	17¾
Chile	14	13⅞	13⅞
Col Fuel	33	32½	32½
Consol Gas	82	82	82
Corn Products	29⅛	27⅞	27⅞
Corn Products pf	90½	90½	90½
Crucible Steel	52¼	50	50
Cuba—Cane Sugar	27¼	26½	26½
Del & Hud	95½	92½	92¾
Del L & W	180	180	180
Den & Rio G pf	34½	33½	34½
Dis Secur Co	32¼	29	29½
Erie	14½	14⅜	14⅜
Erie 1st pf	22	20¾	20¾
Erie 2d pf	17¼	17¼	17¼
Gen Elec	123¼	122⅛	122⅛
Gen Motors	86½	85	85⅞
Goodrich	36	35	36
Gt North pf	88¾	87½	87½
Gt N Ore ctf	25¼	24¼	24¼
Illinois Cen	93	90	90
Int Met Com	6½	6⅝	6⅝
Int Met Com pf	42⅝	42	42
Int Mer Marine	21½	20¼	20⅝
Int Mer Marine pf	92½	90¼	91
Int Paper	23	22¼	22¼
Int Paper pf	55⅛	55⅛	55⅛
*Kennecott	30⅜	29½	29½
Kan City So	16¾	15¼	15¼
Kan City So pf	47¼	47¼	47¼
Kan & Texas	4½	3	3
Kan & Tex pf	7½	7½	7½
Lackawanna Steel	79¾	77½	77¾
Lehigh Valley	53¼	53	53
Louis & Nash	112⅞	108	108
Maxwell	24	23¼	23¼
Maxwell 1st	53¼	52½	52½
Maxwell 2d	19	19	19
Mex Petroleum	74⅝	73¼	73⅝
Missouri Pa	23⅛	21¾	21¾
*Nat Lead	42¼	42¼	42⅛
Nat Lead pf	99½	99½	99½
N Y Air Brake	102	101¼	101¼
N Y Central	66½	64⅞	65
Nor & West	101½	99	99
North Pacific	83⅞	82½	82½
Ont & West	19¾	19⅜	19⅜
Pacific Mail	28¼	25⅞	25⅞
Pennsylvania	44½	43⅞	44
People's Gas	37½	36½	36½
Pitts Coal	43½	43½	43½
Pressed Steel	51	50	50
Pullman Co	115	109⅞	111
Ry St Sp Co	43	41	41
Reading	68½	65½	66¾
Rep Iron & S	74⅞	72⅛	72¾
Rep I & S pf	94	94	94
Sloss-Sheffield	38	37¾	38
So Pacific	81¾	79	79
Southern Ry	24½	23	23¼
Southern Ry pf	56	54⅞	54⅞
St. Paul	38⅛	36¾	36¾
Studebaker	42¾	41	41
Tenn Copper	12½	12½	12½
Texas Pac	14¾	14¾	14¾
Third Ave	16	16	16
Union Pacific	110	107⅞	107⅞
Union Pac pf	71	71	71
U S Ind Alcohol	108¼	105½	106¼
U S Rub	50	48¼	48½
U S Rub pf	95⅞	95⅞	95⅞
U S Steel	87⅞	85	85⅞
U S Steel pf	106⅞	105¾	105⅞
U S Steel 5s	97⅞	97	97
Utah Copper	77½	76¼	76¾
Va Chem	32½	32¼	32½
Wabash A	39½	38⅛	38⅞
Wabash B	19⅝	19¼	19¼
Willys Overland	79¾	77½	77¾
Westinghouse	37½	36½	36½
Western Un	78½	76⅞	77
Wis Cen	32¼	32¼	32¼

*—Ex-Div.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—The local stock market was comparatively dull this morning with scant interest in coppers. Price changes were irregular.

BOSTON MARKET

RAILROADS

Stocks	High	Low	Close
*Boston & Albany	125	125	125
Boston Elevated	30⅞	30⅞	30⅞
Bos & Maine	21	21	21
Fitchburg pf	49	49	49
N Y & N H	28¾	28¼	28¾
MINING			
Adventure	1¼	1¼	1¼
Ahmeek	79	79	79
Alaska Gold	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛
Algomah	25	25	25
Allouez	51	51	51
American zinc	12½	12½	12½
Arcadian	1¾	1¾	1¾
Ariz Com	10½	10½	10½
Butte & Superior	16⅞	16⅝	16⅞
*Cal & Arizona	63	63	63
Cal & Hecla	520	520	520
Centennial	13⅝	13¾	13⅝
Chino	42	41½	41½
Copper Range	42	41¾	41¾
Daly-West	2	2	2
Davis Daly	4¼	4¼	4¼
E. Butte	9	8¾	8¾
Franklin	4½	4½	4½
Granby	67	67	67
Greene-Cananea	38	38	38
Hancock	8	8	8
Indiana	1¼	1¼	1¼
Inspiration	41⅝	51⅝	41
Isle Royale	23	23	23
Kerr Lake	23¼	23⅛	23½
Lake	5½	5½	5½
La Salle	2½	2	2
Mass	6½	6½	6½
Mayflower	1½	1¼	1¼
Miami	27	26½	26¾
Michigan	2	2	2
Mohawk	57½	57½	57½
Nevada	18⅜	17¾	18
New Idria	13	13	13
Nipissing	8¾	8¾	8¾
North Butte	13¼	12½	12½
No. Lake	50	50	50
*Old Dominion	37	37	37
Osceola	56¾	56¾	56¾
Quincy	66	66	66
Ray Con	22½	21⅞	21⅞
Santa Fe	50	50	50
Shannon	5¾	5¾	5¾
Shattuck Ariz	17½	17½	17½
*St. Mary	49	49	49
Superior	5	5	5
Superior & Boston	2¾	2¾	2¾
Trinity	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞
Tuolumne	1¼	1¼	1¼
U S Smelting	44⅝	44½	44⅝
U S Smelting pf	45	45	45
Utah-Apex	2½	2½	2½
Utah Cons	11¼	11¼	11¼
Wolverine	33	33	33
TELEPHONE			
Am Tel & Tel	103½	101¼	101¼
New Eng Tel	101	100	100
MISCELLANEOUS			
Am Ag Chem Com	79¾	79	79¾
Am Ag Chem pf	92½	92½	92½
Am Pneumatic	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞
Am Pneu pf	9	9	9
Am Woolen	42½	41½	41½
Am Woolen pf	89	89	89
Island Creek Coal	53	53	53
Mass Elec	1½	1½	1½
Mass Elec pf	8½	8½	8½
Mass Gas	78	78	78
Mass Gas pf	64	64	64
Pond Creek	17⅝	17½	17⅝
Swift & Co	120	117¼	117½
United Fruit	116	114	115
United Sh M	41	40	40½
United Sh M pf	26	26	26
Ventura	4⅞	4⅞	4⅞
BONDS			
Am Tel & T 4s	86⅝	86½	86⅝

*—Ex-Div.

$15,000 FOR HALIFAX SUFFERERS

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 11.—Announcement was made today by the public safety committee that $15,000 has been raised here for the Halifax sufferers in cash and pledges. This is in addition to supplies that have been forwarded.

500 RETIRED OFFICERS RECALLED BY NAVY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Among 500 retired navy officers, recalled for duty yesterday, are many of the best-known commanders of recent years.

Rear Admirals Winslow, Badger, Howard, Osterhaus and Beatty, all of whom commanded fleets, are among the number, as is Capt. Templin M. Potts, who was the storm center of a controversy when he was "plucked" under the old system, in 1913. Nearly 140 resigned officers have returned to the service, also.

The retired officers recalled for duty include 22 rear admirals, 18 commodores and 34 captains.

WOMAN AT MEREDITH LEARNS U.S. AT WAR

MEREDITH, N. H., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Jessie Ide, who is canvassing for funds for the Y.W.C.A. war work, asked for a contribution from an elderly woman living here. The woman asked the purpose of raising the money, and when informed that it was to help our country in prosecuting the war she confessed she did not know this country was engaged in a conflict and knew nothing of the European war whatever. She explained she never read the newspapers, had few callers and none of them had ever mentioned the war.

WOULD STOP ALL OUT DOOR LIGHTING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Regulations limiting electric display advertising have failed to conserve the amount of fuel hoped for by the fuel administration, and a plan is under consideration to stop all outdoor lighting, save street lights, at least three nights a week.

Institution of "lightless nights" would snuff out entirely the white ways of cities which now are permitted to burn all lights for a period of two and one-quarter hours a night. It would darken on the nights to be named all window display lights, theatre fronts and directional signs on shops, hotels and restaurants.

On other nights there would be no restrictions whatever against any sort of lighting.

"The order of Nov. 9 now appears to be impracticable," said Fuel Administrator Garfield yesterday. "It restricted illuminated signs to certain hours, making reasonable exceptions of merchants' and theatre signs. The evidence of all eyes is that the streets of cities are virtually as light as before these special signs were darkened. State fuel administrators report in detail on the impossibility of getting results from the old order. They say it is the tens of thousands of old signs that count.

"'Lightless nights' would save coal in large quantities, according to information before the fuel administration.

"In every residence, apartment house and office building people would be asked to use not more than one-half the usual lighting."

LINCOLN MASQUERADE BALL

The committee in charge of the annual masquerade ball of the Lincoln club requests that all participants in the grand march be in the hall at 8 o'clock, as the march will start promptly at 8.10. Although a large number of the members of the club are now in the national service and will be unable to attend, the committee reports that the party will be as successful as previous efforts. The party will take place tomorrow evening in Associate hall.

TO COMMANDEER COAL IN OHIO

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 11.—Failing to hear from a similar request made to Dr. Garfield, federal fuel administrator yesterday and again today, Gov. Cox of Ohio this afternoon appealed directly to President Wilson for authority for the Ohio fuel administrator to commandeer coal in transit through Ohio for domestic use.

COUNT CZERNIN AT BERLIN

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Telegraph sends a report that Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, arrived in Berlin on Sunday. (A Vienna message by way of Amsterdam on Monday said Count Czernin's visit to Berlin had been cancelled because of his sudden illness).

The correspondent believes the visit means that Austrian divisions freed from the Russian front will be used on the western front.

EXTRA DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—An extra dividend of $2.50 a share on the common stock was declared yesterday by the Pacific Mail Steamship company, together with the customary semi-annual disbursement of 50c a share.

ARREST MORE GERMANS
Continued

of Massachusetts supplies and forces, today was asked by the executive committee of the Halifax relief association, to remain here and help direct all activities for the week, at least. There was a report yesterday that he was preparing to return home, and when the committee heard it Ralph Bell, the secretary, was instructed to get in touch with Mr. Ratshesky and urge him to stay.

"The executive committee has heard a rumor," Mr. Bell's letter to Mr. Ratshesky said, "that you are likely to return to Boston shortly. In view of the particularly valuable services that you have already rendered and the fact that your assistance for the next few days is regarded as invaluable, we would urge that you make arrangement to stay with us for at least the balance of the week. We can assure you that your generosity and consideration of your needs in this connection will be most deeply appreciated."

How the report started, Mr. Ratshesky was unable to explain.

Because of the increasing demands upon his time, Mr. Ratshesky has commandered C. K. Howard, general agent of the Canadian government railways at Boston, as his personal representative. Mr. Howard has taken over much of the routine work and has obtained information of great value to the Massachusetts unit.

Word came from Yarmouth that the relief ship Calvin Austin would not arrive until late tonight and that Capt. Billings had forwarded by rail cans of fresh milk which might be immediately needed.

A telegram from Henry B. Endicott, executive manager of the public safety committee, announcing that the people of Massachusetts had been called upon to raise one million dollars for Halifax relief, was cheering news to local workers.

BEVERLY MAN LOST LIFE IN HALIFAX DISASTER

BEVERLY, Dec. 11.—One American, a resident of this city lost his life in the Halifax disaster. Word was received here today that the body of John W. Morash, an employe of the Beverly plant of the United Shoe Machinery Co., has been found in the ruins of a wrecked building.

Morash went to Halifax two weeks ago to visit his father who was critically ill. He had written to friends here that he planned to return home last Wednesday but for some reason he delayed his departure and was caught in the explosion.

U. S. HAS SENT SUFFICIENT DOCTORS AND NURSES TO DEAL WITH SITUATION AT HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—The United States already has sent sufficient doctors and nurses to deal with the situation, John F. Moors, head of the American Cross delegation announced today.

"My impression is that our country has now contributed enough trained people and supplies to make sure that everything humanly possible is done for all in distress here," he said. "Hereafter it seems to me people and supplies should be forwarded only on requisition in order that actual want should be taken care of and congestion and overlapping avoided."

Because of his wide experience gained while directing reconstruction forces in San Francisco after the earthquake and fire there Mr. Moors has been asked by the general committee to give it the benefit of his counsel at all times.

Saddest of All Disasters

"From information so far received," Mr. Moore said, "I estimate that nearly two thousand were killed and perhaps three thousand severely wounded. Having been at San Francisco, Chelsea and Salem immediately after those disasters, I am impressed by the fact that this is much the saddest I have ever seen.

"Another group of 25 doctors and 70 nurses took possession of St. Mary's college this morning, and, with vigorous assistance of United States jackies, are making what was a shattered building, with snowdrifts on the floor, like the beginning of a splendid hospital.

200 U. S. Doctors and Nurses

"Altogether within the past 24 hours more than 200 American doctors and nurses have found immediate employment. There are here now at least 300 of the very best physicians, social workers and trained nurses of the United States, each finding his place with true resourcefulness.

"Another group of 50 doctors and 50 nurses has begun a systematic house-to-house canvass of those parts of the city where wounded are still lodged in great numbers without adequate care."

New Bedford Contributes $10,000

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 11.—A check for $10,000 was sent to Robert Winsor of Boston, treasurer of the state Halifax relief fund today the contributions of New Bedford people for the relief sufferers in that city.

To Adopt Halifax Orphans

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Canadian club of this city is making plans to induce New York men and women to adopt children who lost their parents in the Halifax disaster, it was announced today by the president, Thomas D. Neelands. The club also plans to co-operate in any movement for the permanent care of orphans who cannot be brought here.

ANNUAL REPORT OF U. S. TARIFF COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The United States tariff commission, which was organized for work April 1, 1917, has just submitted to congress its first annual report. The commission is charged with the investigation of the administration and the fiscal and industrial effects of the customs laws of this country, including their relation not only to the federal revenue but to the industries of the country. It has power, further, to investigate commercial treaties, preferential agreements and economic alliances, and the conditions and causes affecting the competition of foreign industries with those of the United States.

The commission submitted, during the extra session of this year, to the committee on ways and means of the house of representatives a report which recommended that congress should take steps analogous to those which other countries have taken, and which are there known as "padlock" laws, whereby proposed increases in duties and taxes should go into effect before the enactment of new revenue laws, but subject to their being finally passed. The method adopted by congress to attain the same end in the war revenue act of this year is to follow taxable articles into the channels of trade. But this does not reach smaller retail stocks and it has the further objection that it suddenly imposes great burdens and responsibilities on the bureau of internal revenue. The commission repeats its recommendation for permanent legislation on this subject.

The commission has undertaken the task of drafting a revision and codification of the administrative laws relating to the customs, in order to remove the existing duplications, contradictions and antiquated provisions. It has invited suggestions from treasury officials, others in the public service, and business men and attorneys. The commission hopes to present to congress a revision which, if approved and enacted into law, will result in clearness and simplification in the form and substance of the customs administrative laws, increased efficiency and greater convenience for the public, and a substantial saving of government expenditure. In this connection the commission is also investigating the question of free zones in ports as a means of expediting export trade and overcoming demurrage in ocean commerce.

The commission has undertaken to establish a catalogue of tariff information, somewhat in the nature of an encyclopaedia, which shall contain as far as possible data for each important article affected by the tariff. The data will include statistics on imports, exports, production, prices and cost of production, processes of manufacture and competitive conditions. This catalogue is to be kept continuously up-to-date. A part of the general plan will be the establishment of a tariff library in which will be kept books, pamphlets, letters from producers and importers, etc., classified and arranged for ready consultation in connection with the catalogue.

The commission is making a special survey of the chemical industry and expects to present to congress a detailed report showing the development of the industry and especially to those branches which have been most stimulated by the war. The investigation carried on by the commission will be especially devised so as to provide the information necessary for a legislative readjustment to peace conditions. By direction of the president, the commission is taking the special census of chemical products made necessary by section 501 of the act of Sept. 8, 1916.

War disturbances, such as the effect of the war on the supply of raw materials, tendencies developing in different industries, new and increased establishments, changes in processes, and plans for readjustment after the war, are being specially considered by the commission.

The entrance of the United States into the European war has brought the activities of the commission, as those of every department of the government, into closer relation to war problems and conditions. Both our allies and our enemies are considering the possibility of commercial warfare, commercial neutrality and commercial alliance. The central powers are considering the arrangement of an economic union for Central Europe. Imperial preference has been actively discussed in England and in her self-governing colonies. Far-reaching possibilities are suggested by the results of the Paris economic conference which met in June, 1916, and which provided for a differential treatment between allied countries, neutral countries, and enemy countries. In the act creating the tariff commission, the commission was specifically empowered "to investigate the Paris economy pact and similar organizations and arrangements in Europe." The commission is preparing an extensive report on bargaining tariffs, commercial treaties and economic alliances. The United States never has had a consistent policy with reference to bargaining tariffs, whereas the countries of Europe have worked out several different systems. The tariff commission's report will provide the facts upon which congress may found a method for using the bargaining power in American tariffs, and also upon which American commercial treaties may be adjusted to meet the conditions of the modern world.

In all that it has undertaken the commission is working in harmony with other departments of the government, thereby avoiding duplication of effort.

Senate Orders Inquiry Into Causes for Shortage of Sugar and Coal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Inquiry by a senate committee into the causes for the shortage of sugar and coal, with a view of recommending legislation to improve the situation, was ordered by the senate today on motion of Senator Lodge.

TO PUT FOOD PROFITEERS BEHIND THE BARS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Charges by Food Administrator Hoover that some dishonest wholesale and retail merchants and food brokers have been criminally responsible for food shortages and rising prices were taken under investigation today by the federal trade commission. Victor Murdock will be in charge of the inquiry.

Speculation in foods was declared today in a statement by Commissioner Murdock to have far-reaching results in causing unrest. Unprincipled brokers and dealers are said to order goods beyond their requirements, on a rising market, believing they can make money if prices continue to go up and can at least prevent loss by rejecting the shipment.

"I am going to prosecute this investigation to the limit and bring any violators to the sternest payment of justice," said Commissioner Murdock. "Such pernicious business practices, which net the men who follow them a little extra blood money, must be stamped out at the start and kept stamped out. I am going to give my entire time to this job if it is necessary to get results and put some of these unpatriotic camp followers and war leeches behind bars where they rightly belong.

"In this investigation I would like every citizen to consider himself specifically delegated by me to furnish any information which might be helpful in running down the type of food profiteers we are after."

TO PROBE OPERATIONS OF WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A general inquiry into the operations of the war department in arming and equipping the American forces was decided upon today by the senate military affairs committee. Secretary Baker and other department heads will be called to explain various features of war activities.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the committee, announced it would probably cover a wide range. Questions of shortages of clothing for the National army, health, deficiencies in rifles and field ordnance and army contracts, he said, would be inquired into.

"The purpose of the committee is not to criticise but to secure information," said Senator Chamberlain. "There have been some complaints, covering many army matters and we desire to look into them particularly regarding shortage of clothing, ordnance and other equipment."

$75,000 FIRE AT HARTFORD

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 11.—Fire of undetermined origin swept the top floor of a five-story business block here early today, doing damage estimated at $75,000. About 1200 automobile tires were destroyed. The lower floors, occupied by R. S. Peck & Co., printers, and the Good year Tire & Rubber Co., were water-soaked. The building is owned by the Hartford Investment corporation.

JAPANESE TROOPS LAND AT VLADIVOSTOK

TIENTSIN, Dec. 11.—A Central News dispatch states that Japanese troops have landed at Vladivostok.

Chinese troops have entered Harbin to protect their nationals.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Unconfirmed reports that Japanese troops are in control of the great quantities of supplies piled up at Vladivostok for the Russian government created no surprise at the state department yesterday, where officials are under the impression that a small number of Japanese troops have been there for some time.

DEBATE ON POST OFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Debate on the postoffice appropriation bill, first of the big supply measures of the session, began in the house today. The bill carries an aggregate of $333,000,000, including $1,200,000 for a censorship of European mails, but fails to provide for pneumatic tube service in large cities, an item upon which a sharp contest centered last year.

BOY PUNISHED, DIES IN CLASSROOM

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 11.—Ernest Albert Miller, 7 years old, was detected by his teacher in some childish mischief in a classroom of the Slocum school yesterday morning. She called in the principal, Miss Alice Mahler, and laid the case before here because she did not wish to take the responsibility of inflicting punishment.

Miss Mahler did not hesitate. She picked up a ruler and brought it down on the boy's hands. It is not charged she struck him severely, but the humiliation hurt him deeply.

He went back to his desk and laid his head on his arms. When efforts were made to arouse him a little later it was found he was dead. The boy was the son of George Miller, 37 Oak street, a tool setter. The boy had been under the care of a physician for a nervous affliction, a weak heart and rheumatism.

Miss Mahler denied herself to interviewers last night. Berlin W. Tinker, superintendent of schools, refused to discuss the case.

STEAMER SENDS OUT CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Officials of the Munson Steamship line here were still without advices today regarding the whereabouts of its steamer Mundale. The vessel, carrying 37 was reported last night as having sent out wireless calls for aid from a position about 50 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras. An oil steamer which caught these messages reported it could find no trace of the Mundale upon arriving at the position indicated. Hope was expressed by the officials that the steamship which asked for assistance was not the Mundale, which was in government service and bound for a southern United States port. They said they were unable to reconcile the distance between Philadelphia and Cape Hatteras, about 400 miles with the period which elapsed between the time of her departure from Philadelphia and the time the oil tanker picked up the wireless calls.

N. H. STATE GRANGE

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 11.—The New Hampshire state Grange met here today in the first session of the annual gathering covering three days. Secretary George R. Drake reported a present membership in the state of 28,514, of whom 15,490 are women. There has been a loss of 412 members in the past year.

LEE ARTHUR, PLAYWRIGHT, DEAD

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—Lee Arthur, playwright, died here as the result of an automobile accident ten weeks ago. He was 40 years old and a native of Shreveport, La.

MR. HERRICK EXPLAINS THRIFT STAMPS

R. F. Herrick, representing the United States treasury department at Washington, D. C., was in Lowell today to discuss and elucidate the various details connected with the thrift stamps and war savings certificates the latest loan of the government in connection with the war. Mr. Herrick spent the early part of his visit in discussing the new loan personally with the bankers of the city and late this afternoon a general meeting of the banking and business men of the city was called at the board of trade rooms in Central street where Mr. Herrick took up the subject of the loan in its various phases.

TENER'S ULTIMATUM TO NATIONAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—In a special statement issued just prior to the opening of the National league meeting here today, President John K. Tener placed what is considered to be an ultimatum before the club owners in the senior baseball organization. It appears to have a bearing upon the controversy arising over the date for the joint meeting of the National and American leagues appointed for Thursday in Chicago.

He said:

"A month or two ago, a committee of National league club owners waited upon me and asked me if I would remain with the league and I took the matter under consideration, explaining that I was accepting a business opportunity. If I remain with the league I would want my time to be my own. At the meeting of the league today, the club owners must decide whether they want their president to be active or inactive.

"The term of service or salary is absolutely immaterial to me. I am particularly anxious to do that which is best for the interests of the National league."

President Tener explained that he had been elected president of the permanent highways corporation of New York, and in that position his time would be his own.

Y. W. C. A. CAMPAIGN NEARING CLOSE

The campaign for $5000 in Lowell for the Y.W.C.A. is drawing close to the desired amount and the campaign committee announced this afternoon that a total of $4506.25 had been raised to date.

Following are some recent subscriptions which have not yet been acknowledged:

$50—Mrs. Frank Hanchett.

$35—Mrs. Perry D. Thompson, Mrs. Fred C. Church, Mrs. Haven Perham, Miss Abbie Morrison.

$20—Mrs. William Mitchell.

$10—Miss Christine Cushing, King's Daughters of the Highland Congregational church, Mrs. A. W. Crocker, Mrs. Joseph Griffin, Mrs. A. H. Morton, Mrs. C. B. Redway, Mrs. Jennie Kimball, Mrs. Winslow Clark.

$5—Miss Carrie Bailey, Anonymous, Mrs. Robert Elliot, Mrs. L. I. Hunt, Mrs. G. Forrest Martin, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Howard Jewett, Mrs. Fred Fox, Mrs. Frank Cowdrey, Mrs. L. A. Harvey, Anonymous.

$4—Mrs. Edwin Shaw.

$3—Mrs. J. W. B. Shaw, Miss Bertha Morrow, Miss Elizabeth Paterson.

$2—Mrs. J. W. Anderson, Mrs. Frank Coburn, Mrs. Constantine O'Donnell, Mrs. B. F. Freeman, Mrs. Charles Eveleth, Mrs. Thomas G. McGannon, Mrs. H. A. Lambert, Mrs. George Knowles, Miss Clara McLean and Miss Helen Lambert.

$1—Mrs. M. W. Proctor, Mrs. P. W. Reilly, Mrs. G. Francke, Mrs. William Cooke, Mrs. F. F. Munn, Mrs. C. S. Pettingill, Miss Reilly, Miss Annie Foote, Miss Lena Cooke, Miss Harriett Rea, Miss Julia Burnham, Miss Lucia L. Bell, Miss Davis, Miss Ellen Floyd, Miss Rachael McKnight, three anonymous subscriptions, Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. D. Swan, Mrs. J. Hunnewell, Mrs. A. Swapp, Miss Sara Ames, Miss Helen Swain, Miss Grace Washburn, Miss M. Breene.

50c.—Miss J. Rogers.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION ON U. S. SUBMARINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—News of an explosion on board the submarine A-2, resulting in the death of Joseph Schaefer, chief electrician of the boat, was received yesterday by the navy department. No details were given by the department's announcement.

Schaefer died from injuries after the accident. He was 23 years old and enlisted in the navy March 6, 1912, at Omaha, Neb., as an apprentice seaman. After being honorably discharged March 4, 1916, from the U.S.S. Iris, he re-enlisted May 19, 1916, as an electrician. His sister, Mrs. Clara Amen, lives at Hastings, Neb.

NO VOTING LEAVE FOR CAMP DEVENS MEN

AYER, Dec. 11.—Orders received from Washington refusing to grant leaves of absence to soldiers of the National army at Camp Devens to vote at city and town elections were announced yesterday. Maj. G. M. Peck, division intelligence officer, said, however, that no objections would be made to soldiers voting here in camp if the various municipalities could arrange it. Hundreds of Boston and Worcester voters are affected by the order.

Women friends of soldiers were barred from the barracks of the cantonment on Sundays by an order issued from divisional headquarters yesterday. Soldiers have complained that visitors take up their only day of rest.

Zero temperature hindered training at the camp yesterday. It was 3 below at reveille and at noon the mercury had risen to only five above the zero mark.

COLDEST DECEMBER 10 IN THIRTY YEARS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Low temperature accompanied by high winds continued here today with increasing numbers of reports of suffering due to the shortage of the coal supply. Yesterday, the coldest Dec. 10 in 30 years, made it impossible to bring 10,000 tons of coal—a two-day supply for Greater New York, across the bay from New Jersey, and dealers today continued to measure out their dwindling supply on the equal distribution plan.

Hospital accommodations for children were reported to be crowded, the result, according to charity workers, of unheated living rooms and to undernourishment due to the inability of parents to buy milk and other necessary foods. In scores of public schools the supply of coal is about exhausted.

VALUE OF CROPS HIGHEST IN HISTORY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Many crops this year exceed the production of other years, while the value of the country's farm products, with a total estimated unofficially at $21,000,000,000 far exceeds any other year in history. Final estimates of production of the principal farm crops were announced today by the department of agriculture. The production estimates are:

Corn, 3,159,494,000.
Winter wheat, 418,070,000.
Spring wheat, 232,758,000.
All wheat, 650,828,000.
Oats, 1,587,286,000.
Barley, 208,975,000.
Rye, 60,145,000.
Buckwheat, 17,460,000.

ITALIAN DIVISION CUT TO PIECES

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 11.—(By The Associated Press)—A visit today to the headquarters of a major general commanding a division of heroic Alpini and Bersaglieri disclosed the story of the manner in which this division held the heights back of the Asiago plateau until it was cut to pieces and the remnant was compelled to fall back to its present new line. The general is now engaged in re-forming his shattered forces which were seen in long lines along the roads preparing to go back into the fight.

A major of the general's staff who toward the close of the fight collected the remaining men of the division and led them in the final charges until the order for retirement came, gave a first hand description of the struggle. He said there were three Bersaglieri regiments, some Alpine battalions and one infantry regiment in the division in addition to the usual quota of batteries of field and middle calibre guns. These were ranged back of Asiago when the enemy's drive reached its maximum intensity last Wednesday. For 24 hours one Bersaglieri regiment had held Monte Tondarecar until its platoons had been reduced from thirty men to six. It was then that the battalions of Alpini were sent to their relief.

Stabbed to Death

The Alpini fought their way up the hill, gaining the summit against heavy odds, only to find their comrades cut to pieces. Most of them were lying dead from stab wounds. Now the Alpini battalions found themselves in the centre of a concentration of enemy forces which carried back and forth in the fury of the fighting along the slopes. Others remained on the summit with the enemy surrounding them.

At 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning the colonel of these battalions sent his last report to the general. It said laconically: "The enemy is on all sides and I am about to charge." That was the last which was ever heard of him or of any of his men.

The enveloping enemy masses grew denser, and the gallant Alpini band which had gone to rescue the Bersaglieri was wiped out of existence.

The fighting continued along other points of the line until the forces were decimated and it became clear that the enemy greatly outnumbered the Italians. The general himself who was directing operations from a point just back of the line narrowly escaped a shrapnel shell which burst near his automobile. It was then that the major who recounted these events gathered the remnant of the division and fought out the remainder of the day until the new Italian lines of defense were formed across the Franzella and Gadena passes leading to the Brenta valley and the plain. It is here the lines are now resting, with good prospects of holding.

DR. ANDREW W. TRACY, 71, FORMER MAYOR OF MERIDEN, CONN. DEAD

MERIDEN, Conn., Dec. 11.—Dr. Andrew W. Tracy, 71 years old, mayor of this city in 1892, died last night at his home after a four months' illness. He was a native of Vermont and a graduate of McGill university.

TO RELIEVE SUFFERING OF DEPENDENTS OF SAILORS LOST WITH JACOB JONES

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—The Massachusetts auxiliary of the Naval Relief society already has taken steps to relieve suffering on the part of dependents of several of the sailors who lost their lives when the United States destroyer Jacob Jones was sunk by a German submarine. One family was found in very needy circumstances, and it was learned that the mothers of two Boston men had been entirely dependent on their sons for support.

KEROSENE PRICE ADVANCED

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. The Standard Oil company of New York yesterday announced an advance of one cent a gallon in the price of kerosene for domestic use. The new prices are 14c in barrels and 10c tank wagon basis.

THOS. GRANT THOMPSON DEAD

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Dec. 11.—Thomas Grant Thompson, a retired paper manufacturer of Westfield, Mass., and a relative of former United States Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts, died at Berlin, during the night, of heart trouble.

INTERNATIONAL B. B. LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Before the annual meeting of the International baseball league owners began here today, E. G. Barrow, president, said that he would urge that none of the important matters awaiting decision be definitely acted upon until after the major leagues' meeting next February.

Suggestions that the number of clubs in the league be reduced, from eight to six, that players' salaries be lowered and the playing season shortened are among the problems occasioned by the war awaiting the owners' attention. Every team was represented at the meeting.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS BARRED FROM DRINKING LIQUORS IN UNITED STATES

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—Orders have been issued by Maj. E. A. Wilson, general officer commanding, debarring any Canadian officer or soldier in uniform from drinking intoxicating liquors in places of public refreshment in the United States.

SOLDIERS HONORED

Charles Longtin, a member of the Middlesex club, and his chum, Willard Clark, who went to Fort Slocum Monday morning, were tendered a reception at the club's headquarters, Sunday, and Mr. Longtin was presented a soldier's kit, wrist watch and fountain pen. He was employed in Joe Gardner's department at the Cartridge shop and more than 100 of his co-workers were present at the reception and presentation. Mr. Thomas Jordan presided at the post prandial exercises and there were remarks by Mr. Lord and others. Music was furnished by the Highland orchestra and the entertainment included songs by Messrs. Frank Carroll and Frank O'Brien.

NEWS OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

The major portion of this morning's session of the police court was devoted to the hearing of cases which grew out of a raid at a coffee house at 388 Suffolk street on the night of November 23. Nicholas Somposos, the proprietor of the place was charged with maintaining a gaming nuisance, but he was found not guilty without offering any defence. George Skaikeos, Nicholas Trafalos, George Georgakos, Stephen Kanlos, George Spanos, Louis Papas and Costas Georges were charged with being present at a game.

The court, after considering the evidence in the case, found the defendants guilty and ordered each to pay a fine of $3. They appealed.

Manslaughter Charge

The case of Frank Henry, of Concord, N. H., charged with manslaughter in causing the death of Joshua F. Davis at North Chelmsford, on the night of October 17th, was called for trial, but by agreement the case was continued until December 26, he being held under $2000 bonds for appearance at that time. It is alleged by the government that while Henry was operating an automobile through North Chelmsford he struck and fatally injured Mr. Davis, an aged man, who had just seen his son off on an electric car.

The case of Bartholomew Cullen, also charged wiht manslaughter, was continued until December 28. It is alleged that Cullen was the driver of an automobile which crashed into a fence at Tyngsboro bridge several weeks ago and resulted in the death of one of the occupants, inasmuch as the finding of the inquest had not been presented to the court it was decided to grant a postponement.

Other Offenders

Alexander Grigonis, an employe of the Hamilton mills, was charged with the larceny of cloth from the mills. He entered a plea of guilty and a fine of $10 was imposed.

Matthew J. Ryan, who appeared before the court several day ago on a complaint charging him with non-support, was given a suspended sentence of four months in the house of correction after stating that if allowed to go he would join the marines.

FUNERAL NOTICES

GLOVER—Died Dec. 10, in this city, Mrs. Hattie S. Glover, aged 54 years, 6 months and 15 days, at her home, 48 Lawrence street. Funeral services will be held at 48 Lawrence street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

HALL—The funeral of Mrs. Euphiasia Hall will take place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from her late home, 1526 Bridge street. Friends invited without further notice. Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck in charge.

LYNCH—The funeral of John F. Lynch will take place Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock from the home of his son, George F. Lynch, Andover street, North Tewksbury. Funeral mass will be celebrated at the Immaculate Conception church at 9 o'clock. Friends will please omit flowers. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertaker Higgins Bros. in charge.

O'LOUGHLIN—The funeral of Mr. Thomas O'Loughlin will take place Thursday morning from his home, 22 Abbott street, at 8 o'clock. The funeral high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock. Burial will take place at St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers O'Connell & Mack in charge.

SUTHERLAND—Died Dec. 10, in this city, Mrs. Isabelle Sutherland, aged 69 years, 8 months and 22 days, at her home, 201 Cross street. Funeral services will be held at 201 Cross street Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

FUNERALS

RIVET—The funeral of David Rivet took place this morning from the home, 19 Ward street. High mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Jean Baptiste church at 8 o'clock by Rev. Rosario Jalbert, O.M.I. The bearers were Louis Grouin, Arthur Gauthier, Joseph Arpin and George Dallaire. The body was placed in the receiving tomb in St. Joseph's cemetery. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

LEBLANC—The funeral of Florence Leblanc took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raoul Leblanc, 188 Moody street. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, under the direction of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

TOBIN—The funeral of John Tobin took place Saturday afternoon from the rooms of Undertaker Peter H. Savage. Services were held at St. Peter's church. Rev. Daniel J. Heffernan being the officiating clergyman. The bearers were Messrs. John and Thomas Cull and James and Michael Heathercull and Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Fr. Heffernan recited the committal prayers at the grave.

HARRIS—The funeral services of S. Newell Harris were held Sunday at his home, 42 Florence avenue and were conducted by Rev. Asa R. Dills, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church. Appropriate selections were sung by the Mendelssohn male quartet. The bearers were Messrs. William F. Hills, Richard Gumb, Frank P. Fletcher, Louis Browning, George A. Smith and J. Oscar Phinney. Burial was in the family lot in the Edson cemetery and the funeral was under the direction of Mr. William F. Hills, in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

O'CONNELL—The funeral of Mrs. Ellen T. O'Connell took place from her late home, 7 Everett street, at nine o'clock this morning and was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased. The funeral cortege proceeded to the Immaculate Conception church where a solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at ten o'clock by Rev. Lawrence Tighe, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. J. C. Duffy, O.M.I., as deacon; Rev. J. P. Flynn, O.M.I., as sub-deacon and Rev. Owen P. McQuaid, O.M.I., as master of ceremonies.

Seated within the sanctuary were Rev. Clement Flynn, O.M.I., Rev. William B. Haley, O.M.I., and Rev. Joseph Moriarty, O.M.I., of Tewksbury; Rev. Joseph Bodue, O.M.I., of St. Jean Baptiste church; Rev. William E. Mahan, O.M.I., of the Sacred Heart church; Rev. Dennis Sullivan, O.M.I., Rev. John M. O'Brien, O.M.I., and Rev. James McCartin, O.M.I., of the Immaculate Conception church, also the novices of the Tewksbury novitiate.

The bearers were Messrs. Patrick McCarthy, Samuel Pollard, John Foye, Andrew Shannon and Joseph Sweeney.

The interment was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery where services were conducted by Rev. Fr. Tighe, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Frs J. C. Duffy, O.M.I., John P. Flynn, O.M.I., O. P. McQuaid, O.M.I., and James McCartin, O.M.I. Burial was under the direction of Undertakers O'Connell & Mack.

ROARKE—The funeral of Thomas E. Roarke took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from his late home, 489 Broadway and was largely attended. The funeral cortege proceeded to St. Patrick's church, where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Timothy P. Callahan. The bearers were James Baxter, William Ambrose, James and Joseph Sullivan. Burial took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the final prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Callahan. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

WOODWARD—The funeral of Henry M. Woodward who died Sunday at Grasmere, N. H., aged 88 years, 4 mos., 24 days, was held this morning at 10 o'clock at the graveside in the Edson cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Lewis W. Swanson, pastor of the Presbyterian church at New Boston, N. H. Mr. Woodward formerly lived in Lowell and was a sergeant of the Sixth Mass., Regt., Co. A. The local arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

DOHERTY—The funeral of Mr. Thomas J. Doherty took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from the home of his mother, Mrs. Ann Doherty, 10 Madison street, and was largely attended by relatives and friends. The cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Lenihan. There were many beautiful floral offerings. The bearers were Messrs. Edward Welch, John Welch, John Kelly, and Andrew McLoughlin. Interment was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. Fr. Lenihan read the committal prayers at the grave. Funeral Director James W. McKenna in charge.

DEATHS

O'LOUGHLIN—Thos. O'Loughlin, a well known resident of St. Peter's parish, died this morning at his home, 22 Abbott street, after a brief illness, aged 30 years. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Rosalie F., one son, Russell, two brothers, Edward and William O'Loughlin, and his father, Patrick O'Loughlin.

DAVIS—Died last evening, in this city, very suddenly, Mrs. Emma G. Davis, aged 65 years, 10 months and 11 days, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fritzroy F. Pillsbury, 301 Princeton street. The body was taken to her home in Saco, Me., where the funeral services will be held and burial will take place. The arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

COTTON—Neal Cotton, for many years a well known resident of this city, died Sunday at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. E. P. Miller, at Arlington, Mass. Born in Tufteboro, N. H., May 21, 1820, he attained the ripe old age of 97 years and six months, and was in good health up to his last sickness. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Arthur W. Sherman of Lowell and Miss A. E. Cotton of Arlington, and one sister, Mrs. N. D. Varney of California; also three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

DUSTIN—Mrs. P. A. Dustin, widow of the late Mark G. Dustin, and a former resident of this city, died, in Gerrish, N. H., Dec. 5. Mrs. Dustin leaves three granddaughters, Myrtle A. Whitcomb of this city, Miss Edith Whitcomb of Colorado Springs, Col., and Mrs. R. H. Davenport of Pittsfield, Mass. Burial took place Sunday afternoon at Henniker, N. H. Mrs. Dustin was a direct descendant of Hannah Dustin of historical fame. She was 88 years old.

GLOVER—Mrs. Hattie S. Glover, aged 54 years, 6 months and 15 days, died yesterday at 48 Lawrence street. She leaves one daughter, Miss Hattie V. Glover; three sisters, Mrs. Serena Gorrill, Mrs. Priscilla MacKenzie and Mrs. William Rogers and two brothers, John and Arthur Gay.

SUTHERLAND—Mrs. Isabella Sutherland, aged 69 years, 8 months and 22 days, died yesterday at her home, 201 Cross street. She leaves three sons, John H. F. Sutherland, C. Ernest and D. Walter Sutherland, and one daughter, Miss K. Isabella Sutherland, and seven sisters and one brother.

MANNEY—Thomas Manney died this morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. William F. Welch, 28 Windsor street. He was 49 years of age. He leaves three sisters, Mrs. A. J. Paterson of Waterbury, Vt., Mrs. D. O'Gorman and Mrs. William F. Welch of this city.

HALL—Died in Dracut, Dec. 11, Mrs. Euphiasia D. Hall, aged 82 years, 6 months and 4 days. She was the widow of Dyer Hall. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Chester M. Peabody of Dracut.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

There will be an anniversary mass at 8 o'clock, at the Immaculate Conception church on Wednesday morning, Dec. 12, for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Philip Dwyer.

MASS NOTICE

There will be an anniversary high mass on Thursday morning, Nov. 13, at 8 o'clock, in the Immaculate Conception church, for the repose of the soul of Bridget Corey.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to my relatives and friends for their acts of kindness and words of sympathy which helped to lighten my burden of sorrow caused by the death of my beloved husband. I also wish to thank those who send floral and spiritual offerings, including the Mass. cloth room for which I will ever hold them, one and all, in grateful remembrance. Mrs. John McIntyre.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the kindness shown during the death of our beloved father, also for the beautiful floral offerings and spiritual bouquets sent as expressions of sympathy. We wish to thank especially the employes of the Boott mills office and W. J. Barry Shoe Co.'s office force. Mrs. T. F. Clarke and Family.

600 AUSTRO - HUNGARIANS IN DRAFTED ARMY ASSIGNED TO DEPOT BRIGADE

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 11.—About 600 drafted men at Camp Lee, claiming to be Austro-Hungarian subjects have been separated from the various units to which they were assigned originally and put in the depot brigade. It was indicated they would be given police duty exclusively. The majority are from Pennsylvania, but a few are from West Virginia.

BOYS CHARGED WITH ENTERING STORES

Henry J. De Foe, aged 16 years; Wesley C. Kenney, aged 16 years, and John J. Gargan, aged 14 years, were arrested late yesterday afternoon by Lieut. Martin Maher. They were charged with having made breaks into several stores within the past few days. The police claim that De Foe and Gargan are on parole from Shirley.

According to the police, the trio broke into the wholesale store of the C. P. Comerford Co., at 80 Chapel street, Saturday night and secured a small amount of money.

Sunday night, it is said that they broke into Edward Scally's bake shop at 547 Central street. An entrance was gained through a rear window. They took 90 cents in money and a quantity of cakes.

The Manhattan market at 714 Gorham street was also broken into Sunday night and $3 in money was taken from a drawer. In this place, like at the Comerford store, the contents of the store was scattered in every direction. An attempt to enter the provision store of Daniel Cosgrove at 169 Chapel street, was also made Sunday night, but the thieves were frightened away while attempting to open a window in the rear of the store.

Each of the young men was held under $300 bonds for appearance before the juvenile session of the police court on Friday morning.

MATRIMONIAL

Lieut. Thomas Mather of the Coast artillery corps, O.R.C., of Fortress Monroe and Miss Mary Janet Goodell were married Dec. 8 at the home of the bride, 271 Foster street by Rev. A. R. Hussey of the First Unitarian church. The bridesmaids were sisters of the bride, Misses Catherine and Elizabeth Goodell, while the best man was J. Hodge of Billerica.

Simpson—McMann

Alfred H. Simpson and Miss Mary A. McMann were married Dec. 8 at St. Peter's rectory, the ceremony being performed by the pastor, Rev. Dr. D. J. Keleher. The bride wore a brown traveling suit with hat to match, and carried yellow chrysanthemums. The bridesmaid, Miss Doris Simpson, a cousin of the bride, was attired in a blue traveling suit and carried white chrysanthemums. The best man was Edward McMann, a brother of the bride. At the close of the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride, 143 Hale street, and present were guests from Rochester and Tilton, N. H., Norwich, Conn., and Boston. After an extended honeymoon trip, the couple will make their home at 193 Hale street.

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD MEMBER CONDUCTS HEARING AT CITY HALL

David Dickinson, a member of the industrial accident board conducted a hearing at city hall this morning in the case of Sophronia Zervas, an employe of the Merrimack Mfg. Co. vs. the American Mutual Liability Assurance company, an action to recover under the workman's compensation act.

Mrs. Zervas received injuries to her leg while falling in the mill on May 15, 1917 and she claims compensation on the ground that she was in the performance of her duties when the accident occurred. The insurance company refused compensation on the ground that when the accident occurred the employe was fooling. The woman denies this, but fellow employes stated that she was running after another employe when she slipped and fell on the floor. F. H. Pearson represented the employe, while Francis A. Lavelle of Boston looked after the interests of the company. No decision was rendered.

PENOBSCOT RIVER CLOSED

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 11.—The Penobscot river closed to navigation today, five days earlier than last year, and a day later than the average closing date for 39 years. Two Reading coal barges narrowly escaped being frozen in, having been towed out late last night.

ASST. SECRETARY OF TREASURY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Thomas D. Love of Dallas, Tex., was nominated yesterday to be assistant secretary of the treasury, to fill one of the new offices created for the war.

MRS. GERARD UNDER KNIFE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Mrs. James W. Gerard, wife of the former American ambassador to Germany, underwent an operation for appendicitis here yesterday.